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| **Metro Monthly Green Tips: October 2012**  Green tips are applicable both at work and at home, this month’s green tips focuses on what you can do as the temperatures start to drop. Now that we are leaving the warm weather of summer and heading into fall there are new sustainable choices you can make as you get ready for the cooler temperatures and holiday season. Going green all at once is too much for almost anyone to accomplish. Instead, try adding a few more ideas each month, or pick one from a past months green tips. You'll be surprised at how many changes you can make in just a year.  **Button Up**: As the seasons begin to change everyone migrates indoors for the winter and a lot of energy can be wasted keeping people comfortable. Two things you can do at home and at the office are caulking and weatherstripping. Small spaces and gaps around windows and pipes and wires entering buildings create energy wasting drafts that can cut the efficiency of your heating system. Most caulking products cost under $10; rope caulk, one of the easiest types to apply, sells for about $4 for 40 or 50 feet. Additionally, creating a tight seal around all windows to reduce heated and cooled air from escaping outside can reduce energy waste. Weatherstripping is typically plastic, foam, felt or rubber strips that fit around window and door frames with a self-adhesive backing. Prices vary, but average about $5 per window or door.  **Fall Planting Pointers:** Though many people gear up to work on their yards and gardens in the spring, fall is actually an ideal time for landscaping work especially in the southwest where we have mostly mild winters. One way to be more sustainable outside is through composting. 100% of all plant material is composted at the Gateway Building, minus palm fronds, which do not compost. While falling leaves are beautiful to look at as they change colors, they may seem like an inconvenience when planning or working in a garden or landscape areas. Instead of bagging the leaves and leaving them out with the trash, consider collecting them and composting them to create nutrient-rich, organic soil that will be ready for use by the spring. Compost piles can be kept in the yard or in specific bins that are ideal for also adding food waste during the winter. Additionally, if you employ a landscape company, ask them if they are composting instead of adding to the landfill with your plant waste. Fall is also an ideal time for tree planting. Rainfall is typically more plentiful and new trees, bushes and flowers have a greater chance of surviving than they would if they were planted during a hotter season. Choose species native to your area as well as those that are drought and pest resistant and can grow in the kind of soil and amount of sunlight available in your landscape.  By implementing this month’s green tips into your office and your home you’ll help in building a more sustainable and future!  **El Pasajero Posts Video on the 2012 Bus Roadeo**  Metro’s El Pasajero has posted a short video displaying the fun activities that took place at the 2012 Bus Roadeo. Please click [here](http://elpasajero.metro.net/2012/10/01/video-del-metro-bus-roadeo-2012/) to watch the video featuring clips from year’s event.  [**http://elpasajero.metro.net/2012/10/01/video-del-metro-bus-roadeo-2012/**](http://elpasajero.metro.net/2012/10/01/video-del-metro-bus-roadeo-2012/)  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Construction Notice**  Relocate Sewer Lines on Crenshaw Boulevard and 59th Place  As part of advance utility relocation activities for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, Metro’s contractor, Metro Builders, will be relocating sewer lines on Crenshaw Boulevard and on 59th Place in the City of Los Angeles to make room for the underground section of the Crenshaw Light Rail Line. Construction work will begin on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 through approximately February 22, 2013, on Sunday through Thursday. The anticipated work hours on Crenshaw Boulevard are from 9:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. and on 59th Place from 7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121019_Night_Cons_Sewer_Relocation.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/121019_Night_Cons_Sewer_Relocation.pdf>  **Procurement Postings for Next Week** Trask & Vegetation Removal Service for Metro Rights of Way & Facilities (IFB) Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) this week to procure the services of contractor(s) to provide Trask & Vegetation Removal Service for Metro Rights of Way & Facilities). The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 16, 2012 through January 31, 2013. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Thomas Meng, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1074.  Design-Build-Operate-Maintain Division 13 CNG Fueling Facility (IFB)  Procurement will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure services to design, construct, and maintain a CNG Fueling Facility at Division 13. The Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy will apply to this Procurement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 26, 2012 through March 29, 2012. The qualified contractor will provide all permits, equipment, site work, connections and safety systems necessary to design and build the CNG Fueling Facility at Division 13. Following startup, the contractor will then provide comprehensive operations and maintenance of the facility. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Deborah Spottsville, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 922-1040.  Accounts Payable Audit Recovery Services (RFP)  Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFO) next week to procure Audit Recovery Services for Metro’s Accounts Payable Department. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 25, 2012 through December 14. 2012. The Audit Recovery Contractor shall perform a review of all accounts payable disbursements, credits, and supplier invoices by fiscal year to identify and recover duplicate payments, invoice overpayments errors, open credits claims and any other erroneous payments that may have been made. The Contractor shall perform these services as follows:  1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012  2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013  3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014  4. Option 1: for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015  5. Option 2: for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016  Contractor’s compensation shall be provided on a contingency basis and based on a percentage of recovery received by Metro. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by James A. Nolan, Sr. Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7312. Regional Rail Planning & Engineering Bench (RFQ/RFP) Procurement will release a Request for Qualifications (RFIQ)/Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to establish a planning and engineering professional services bench for Regional Rail projects. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from October 22, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Ben Calmes, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7341.  TAP Event Staffing (RFP)  Procurement will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) this week to procure a vendor to provide on-call temporary event staffing for the regional TAP program that can provide technical assistance, education and support to customers during anticipated upcoming technological program modifications. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from October 22, 2012 through December 1, 2012. The TAP program is converting Metro Rail ticket vending machines to an all-TAP environment, in preparation for upcoming changes to the Metro System. Currently, ticket vending machines offer many types of regular and reduced fare paper tickets, including peak and off-peak fares for seniors and riders with disabilities. Faregates are not currently locked to enable access to rail platforms for paper ticket holders that ride the system. Once ticket vending machines are converted to vend only TAP products, faregate turnstiles will be locked and entry will only be available by tapping a valid TAP card. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Linda Rickert, Sr. Contract Administrator at (213) 922- 4186.  **Upcoming CEO Meetings & Events**  Next week, I will be meeting with Board Chair Antonovich and Board Members Knabe, Yaroslavsky and Katz. Additionally, I will be attending the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Safety Conference and Glendale’s City Council meeting. Finally, I will be attending our agency’s Employee Quarterly Luncheon and monthly board meeting. | |
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