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| **Friday, March 7, 2014 140307-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Metro Named a Finalist by CivilianJobs.com for “Most Valuable Employer (MVE)” for Military**  **Metro-Caltrans Partnership Meeting**  **Universal Pedestrian Bridge Project**  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notice Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  **Procurement Postings**  **Upcoming CEO Events & Meetings** |
| **Metro Named a Finalist by CivilianJobs.com for “Most Valuable Employer (MVE)” for Military**  Metro’s Veterans Hiring Initiative has been named a finalist for the 2014 Most Valuable Employer (MVE) award by CivilianJobs.com. The MVE recognition serves to help military-experienced job seekers and veterans identify the top employers to target for civilian careers. The recognition is open to all U.S.-based companies and finalists are selected based on surveys in which employers outline their recruiting, training and retention plans that best serve military service members and veterans. More than 100 businesses are being acknowledged based on the quality of their veteran hiring focus. Winners from this pool of 100 will be announced Thursday, May 1, 2014.  **Metro-Caltrans Partnership Meeting**  Yesterday, Thursday, March 6, 2014 Caltrans District 7 Director Carrie Bowen and Caltrans deputies invited Deputy CEO Lindy Lee, Executive Director of Engineering and Construction Bryan Pennington, and I to visit Caltrans District 7 in downtown Los Angeles to become better acquainted with the local Caltrans staff and discuss joint initiatives. Both Caltrans and Metro staff found the meeting to be successful and useful as there are a multitude of project intersections between our agencies. I will be inviting Caltrans District 7 staff to Metro headquarters for follow-up meeting to introduce more of the Metro team, and to continue facilitating a strong working partnership.  **Universal Pedestrian Bridge Project**  As part of exploratory work related to the Universal Pedestrian Bridge Project, construction crews will conduct a total of three street level borings at the intersection of Lankershim Boulevard and Universal Hollywood Drive adjacent to Universal Studios. The purpose is to collect subsurface data to perform geotechnical design for the subject project. This activity requires the closure of eastbound and westbound right lanes of Universal Hollywood Drive at Lankershim Boulevard, late night Monday March 10, 2014 and Tuesday, March 11, 2014. The lane closures will begin at 9:00 p.m. and will be removed before 6:00 a.m. on both days. To view the construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140307_Universal_Station_Bridge_Notice.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140307_Universal_Station_Bridge_Notice.pdf>  **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Construction Notice**  Sound Wall Installation  As part of the construction of Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors will begin the installation of a 16-foot tall sound wall around the perimeter of the property located at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Rodeo Road. This is the site of the future Crenshaw/Exposition underground station.  Over the next 5 years, it will serve as a construction staging yard for the project.  This work will be performed in two phases. Work is scheduled to begin the week of March 10, 2014, for approximately three weeks, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140307_Sound_Wall_Crenshaw_LAX.pdf).  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140307_Sound_Wall_Crenshaw_LAX.pdf>  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  Between SR-118 to SR-170 The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement closures as part of a project that is constructing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, March 9, 2014 continue through Friday, March 14, 2014. To view the Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140307_I-5_HOV_Lane_Project.pdf).  http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/140307\_I-5\_HOV\_Lane\_Project.pdf  Between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and Antelope Valley Freeway The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement closures as part of a project to construct truck lanes on I-5 between Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue and the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14). Closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, March 9, 2014 and continue through Saturday, March 15, 2014. To view the Caltrans construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140307_I-5_Truck_Lane_Project.pdf).  **Procurement Postings** Metro Silver Line Vinyl Adhesive Panels and Structure Wrap Project (RFP) Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week for printing, fabrication and installation of vinyl adhesive panels and archway structure wrapping to five Metro Stations. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 10, 2014 through Thursday, April 24, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Barbara A. Gatewood, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7317. Employee Benefits Consultant Services (RFP) Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) next week to obtain a qualified  Contractor to provide employee benefit consulting services as outlined in the Statement of Work. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Monday, March 10, 2014 through Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Jennifer Brueggemann, Contract Administrator at [BrueggemannJ@metro.net](mailto:BrueggemannJ@metro.net).  Plastic Bags (IFB)  Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) next week to procure plastic bags. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, March 12, 2014 through Monday, June 30, 2014. The plastic bags trash liners are used agency wide for all departments, bus and rail divisions. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price. Any inquiries from the public concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Tanya Allen, Procurement Planning Administrator at (213) 922-1018 or [allent@metro.net](mailto:allent@metro.net). Metro Bike Hub Management Services (RFP) Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure management services to support the operations of secure-access group bicycle parking facilities known as Metro Bike Hubs at three locations, El Monte Transit Station, Hollywood/Vine Red Line Station and Culver City Expo Line Station. Metro Bike Hubs are designed to be self-serve unattended group bicycle parking facilities with attended services capabilities. The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Friday, March 7, 2014 through June 10, 2014. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Cathy Morgan, Senior Contract Administrator at (213) 922-1056. Transit Law Enforcement and Security Services (RFI)Metro will release a Request for Interest (RFI) next week to determine interest in providing Transit Law Enforcement and Security Services. Once level of interest has been determined, Metro will issue a detailed Request for Proposal for this requirement. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from March 10, 2014 through September 30, 2014. The contractor shall provide sworn personnel with full authority as set forth in the California Penal Code and regulated by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training-(POST), as well as non-sworn support personnel as appropriate. Contractor shall provide Transit Law Enforcement and Security Services for Metro’s bus and rail operations as well as metro divisions and facilities system wide. Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by James A. Nolan, Senior Contracts Administrator at (213) 922-7312. **Upcoming CEO Events & Meetings**  Next week I will be attending the APTA Legislative Conference as well as participating in ACCESS DC Federal Advocacy trips in Washington, DC. Lastly, I will be having lunch with Metro Director John Fasana. | |
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