

CEO BRIEF | EVERY VOICE COUNTS

Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer

Monday, September 10, 2018

In this Issue

- [Chair Kuehl Joins the Metro Mayors Roundtable Luncheon](#)
- [Small Contractors Join First Ever Project Labor Agreement Forum](#)
- [Faith Leaders Learn Next Steps with Metro's Small Business Support Program](#)
- [Nominations Open for 4th Annual Excellence in the Workplace Awards](#)
- [Procurement Postings](#)
- [Construction Notice](#)

Chair Kuehl Joins the Metro Mayors Roundtable Luncheon

Last Wednesday, September 5, Metro Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and I hosted another session of our Metro Mayors Roundtable luncheons. These semi-annual meetings have proven to be a valuable tool to build and strengthen our relationships with the 88 cities in LA County who are important partners to our agency. Chair Kuehl and I shared information about key initiatives including our NextGen bus study, information about the importance of SB 1 funds, and how Metro is innovatively tackling LA County's transportation challenges.

More importantly, these sessions provide a forum for the elected city representatives to ask questions and share their thoughts with us. Local city partners in attendance asked about the implications of the potential loss of SB 1 funds and Metro system security, and also shared their ideas on how to improve service. About half of the cities in the County were represented by their Mayor or another Council Member. We look forward to holding our next Mayors Roundtable in about six months.





Small Contractors Join First Ever Project Labor Agreement Forum

On September 7, Metro Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) hosted a forum for small contractors to answer questions and address their concerns about working under the auspices of Metro's Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Approximately 100 guests attended this first ever program, featuring Metro Vendor/Contract Management, Trade Unions, and the Contractor Development and Bonding Program.

The forum, entitled "Demystifying the Project Labor Agreement", was held to educate small contractors about the intricacies of Metro's PLA, while encouraging them to get certified with Metro and take advantage of our small business programs. Speakers included Metro Executives, Ron Miller, Metro's Contractor Development and Bonding program consultants, Merriweather Williams and the Executive Secretary of the LA/OC Trades Council.

The highlight of the event was a panel discussion featuring small contractors who have navigated the PLA. Discussion included lessons learned and what was the best way for them to work on Metro Projects. In light of the billions of dollars being invested in LA County transportation projects, Metro made it clear that we are dedicated to including small contractors.

As an added feature, Prime Contractors with current and future projects setup resource tables to meet small contractors who may be potential sub-contractors. Vendor Registration, Certification and Small Business Programs were setup to enroll small contractors and encourage their use of Metro incentive programs. Thank you to our DEOD team and Metro Public Relations for helping make this event such a huge success.

Faith Leaders Learn Next Steps with Metro's Small Business Support Program

Metro's Executive Officer of Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) Miguel Cabral recently presented to graduates from the Faith Leaders Institute, a program of USC's [Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement](#). Many in the audience were not only pastors and bishops, but were also non-profit founders, managers of Community Development Corporations and small business owners.

Attendees learned about the array of programs and resources Metro offers to support small, disadvantaged and minority businesses, as well the ways in which Metro helps drive inclusivity by setting high industry standards. The Cecil Murray Center encouraged the faith leaders to embrace the opportunities at Metro and to continue cultivating a relationship with staff.

Inviting the wide range of LA County's faith leaders to participate in the development of Metro's projects, programs and initiatives is a vital piece in Metro's community engagement programs. For questions about Metro's countywide multifaith outreach efforts, please contact Patricia Soto at sotopa@metro.net.

Nominations Open for 4th Annual Excellence in the Workplace Awards

Metro is filled with talented team members that contribute greatly to making a positive impact on the organization. We want to get this talent properly recognized. If you have consistently witnessed any of your colleagues demonstrating a commitment to excellence in service and support, I encourage you to nominate them for an Excellence in the Workplace Award. There are five award categories: Customer Service, Innovation, Safety, Spirit, and Teamwork.

The annual celebration will take place in February 2019 to recognize employees that closely follow Metro's vision of excellence in service and support. Stay tuned for more details about the date, time, and location for the celebration.

Nominations are now open until Monday, October 15. Metro employees can nominate their fellow colleagues for one of the five award categories by visiting the [Human Capital & Development Webpage](#).

For additional questions, please reach out to Arnel Abeleda at abeledaa@metro.net or (213) 922-4432.



Procurement Postings

Engine Oil - Small Business Prime (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Engine Oil. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, September 13, 2018 through Thursday, January 31, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of engine oil required to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries 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.

Transmission Overhaul Kit (IFB)

Metro will release an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure Transmission Overhaul Kit. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Wednesday, September 12, 2018 through Monday, January 14, 2019.

This procurement is for the purchase of transmission overhaul kits required to maintain the bus fleet and thus avoid disruption in service. Award of a contract will provide a commitment from the supplier to ensure availability at a fixed, competitive price.

Any inquiries 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.

Vanpool Program Access Database Consultant (RFP) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant to update and maintain Metro's current Microsoft (MS) Access Database for the Vanpool Program. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Small Businesses only.** The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from Tuesday, September 11, 2018 through Monday, November 5, 2018.

The MS Access Database is used to collect and compile data for National Transit Database reporting requirements. The consultant shall make functional modifications to the existing database design platform. The enhancements shall include configuration to track online reporting and incorporation of existing database collection methodologies and processes into the revised platform. The consultant shall also develop a Beta version of the modifications to assess functionality and obtain feedback by staff. Upon completion of the upgrades, the consultant shall provide a strategy and schedule for ongoing system maintenance.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Gina Romo, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-7558.

Fire Sprinkler System Maintenance (IFB) - Small Business Prime

Metro will release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking services from a qualified and licensed contractor to provide repair and maintenance to the existing fire sprinkler system. **This solicitation is open to Metro Certified Business only.** The procurement blackout period is expected to run from Thursday, September 13, 2018 through Monday, December 17, 2018.

Any inquiries concerning this procurement action during the blackout period must be directed to and may only be answered by Rommel Hilario, Principal Contract Administrator at (213) 922-4654.

Construction Notices: Regional Connector, I-5

Regional Connector Transit Project: Weekend Closure of Flower St/6th St

Construction of the Regional Connector has reached the halfway mark, and crews can now start building the connection to the 7th St/Metro Center station in downtown L.A.'s Financial District. Beginning Saturday, July 7, a series of Flower St weekend closures will be in effect through October 22 in downtown LA's Financial District.

Caltrans Interstate 5: All Construction Updates [here](#).

"Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours."

~ John Locke



You have subscribed to receive Metro information, [edit your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#).
Your privacy is important to us, please review the [Privacy Policy](#).

© 2016 Metro (LACMTA) One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952
This email was sent to
To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

Bus & Rail Transit information
323.GO.METRO (323.466.3876)
6:30am - 7pm (Monday - Friday)
8:00am - 4:30pm (Saturday/Sunday)

