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Last year's vendor fair drew 1,400 attendees. Photo by Dave Sotero



## Metro to Participate in 12th Annual Greater LA Vendor Fair

By DAVE SOTERO

(March 9, 2005) Businesses interested in contracting with Metro will be invited to the 12th Annual Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair, April 27, at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Metro and other major city and county agencies will provide all of the "how-to" information needed for business to compete for agency contracts collectively worth billions of dollars.

The day-long event will include a trade show comprising a variety of vendors that provide specialized products and services for businesses working with public agencies.

Since last year's vendor fair, Metro has awarded more than 20,000 purchase orders and contracts worth in excess of \$500 million. In the current year, the agency will again have a significant impact on the local economy.

Metro is working to include more disadvantaged businesses (DBEs). In the 2003 fiscal year alone, Metro awarded \$74.6 million in contracts to DBE firms.

Vendor fair sponsors include Metro, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, L.A. Unified School District, and the City and County of Los Angeles.

For more information about the Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair or to obtain a schedule of workshops, visit [www.lavendorfair.com](http://www.lavendorfair.com).

