

# Business Outreach Committee

The Business Outreach Committee includes Civil Rights Officers and Contract Administrators from:



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## \*\*\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

**Do you feel your company can compete on “an even playing field” with other companies in regards to contracting opportunities?**

***The Business Outreach Committee\* has scheduled a two-hour meeting on***

**Wednesday, April 23, 2008**  
**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

***to advise you of upcoming projects and to receive public comments. The meeting will be held at the following location:***

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)**  
**101 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Auditorium)**  
**Oakland, California 94607**

***(Your attendance is strongly encouraged. Please inform businesses that may not have received this notice.)***

Here is an opportunity to give your input in the goal-setting process, specifically on the relative availability of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) that are ready, willing and able to compete for U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) -assisted contracts to be let by transit agencies throughout the region

***The following individuals are some of the agency representatives that will be present to answer your questions about upcoming contracting opportunities.***

***Denis Mulligan, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District Engineer***  
***Derek Carrier, Manager, Project Controls, Capital Projects, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority***  
***Edward Tom, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Associate Engineer***

It is the policy of the member agencies participating in the Business Outreach Committee that small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals are provided equal opportunity to participate in the construction, professional service and procurement activities of their agencies.

The Business Outreach Committee hereby notifies all interested parties that the below-listed agencies are beginning the process of establishing annual overall goals for participation by DBEs in contracts and procurements which may be financed in whole or in part by the DOT for FY 2009.

We also want to hear how the disadvantaged business community has been affected by the elimination of DBE goals on individual contracts as a result of the implementation of race-neutral DBE programs by DOT funded agencies. As you may be aware, DOT funded agencies implemented wholly race-neutral programs in May 2006 in response to case law. These race-neutral programs will remain in effect, pending fact-gathering efforts regarding discrimination in the public transportation marketplace. In short, DOT funded agencies must have documentation to demonstrate discrimination in the public transportation marketplace in order to implement contract goals. This would include disparity studies and anecdotal evidence and testimonies. Currently, many California transportation agencies are conducting disparity studies. Therefore, we value your input.

Please contact meeting coordinator Sheila Evans-Peguese at (415) 701-4436 if you have questions or want additional information about the meeting. If you cannot attend, but wish to submit comments, please send your written comments to Sheila Evans-Peguese, Contract Compliance Office, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103, or via facsimile to (415) 701-4347, or via electronic mail to [sheila.evans-peguese@sfmta.com](mailto:sheila.evans-peguese@sfmta.com).

Projected FY 2009 DOT-assisted contracting opportunities at CUCP Northern California Cluster agencies participating in this meeting will be discussed at this session. If you wish advance information specific to upcoming DOT-assisted projects at each agency, please contact the DBE liaison officers listed below:

AC Transit:	Lynda McBroom	(510) 577-8818
ACPWA:	Moses De Los Reyes	(510) 670-5243
CCCTA:	Janet Madrigal	(925) 676-1976
CALTRANS:	Janice Salais	(916) 324-0841
GGBHTD:	Gail Jackson	(415) 257-4581
MTC:	Denise Rodrigues	(510) 817-5897
SACRT:	Fernando Barcena	(916) 321-3874
SFBART:	Linda Wells-Grogan	(510) 464-6195
SF Bay Area Water Transit Authority	Shirley Douglas	(415) 291-3377
SFMTA:	Sheila Evans-Peguese	(415) 701-4436
SamTrans/JPB:	Raymond Lee	(650) 508-7939
VTA:	Andy Flores	(408) 952-4105
YCTD:	Kwai Reitz	(530) 661-0816
Alameda County Congestion Mgmt Agency:	Liz Brazil	(510) 350-2333

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