DBE CONNECTION MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT



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DBE & SB STATS (Through December 2018)

83 SB Firms
Contracted with MCTC

\$59 Million

Committed to SB Firms

89 DBE Firms
Contracted with MCTC

\$115 Million
Committed to DBE Firms

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- <u>February 7:</u> Construction Network Owners' Outlook 2019 (<u>Click here</u> for more information.)
- February 14: Meet the Buyers Escondido (Click here for more information.)
- February 28: MCTC Mentoring Series Insurance and Bonding Workshop (Click here for

CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT: LUCAS BUILDERS, INC.

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project (Project) will bring an additional twelve (12) miles of trolley service to the San Diego region. Almost three (3) miles of this extension will be aerial or elevated railway, meaning the track will run on a viaduct, bridge, or <u>elevated structure</u>.

There are several benefits to aerial track, including less congested streets, safer walking and cycling paths, and let's not forget about the views! However, aerial trolley stations require well-planned access points for the commuting public. Luckily, **Lucas Builders, Inc. (LBI)** is here to help Mid-Coast Transit Constructors (MCTC) rise to the occasion.

LBI is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firm that first began work on the Project in the summer of 2016. Their scope of work on the Project is specialty metal services: building and installing the elevator towers, stairs, and ornamental railings at the five (5) aerial trolley stations. This will allow patrons to easily and safely access the raised platforms from street level. In addition, LBI is constructing the metal canopies at all nine (9) stations to protect waiting passengers from any inclement weather (which occasionally happens in San Diego). They are also installing electronic message boards throughout the platforms that will clearly update trolley riders about departure times and provide other important information.



Rendering of the aerial trolley station at Nobel Drive. (credit: <u>SANDAG</u>)

Although work at the first elevator tower will not begin until this summer, LBI's manufacturer, Paramount Metals & Supply, has been in production for over a year. LBI's work is critical not only due to material fabrication time, but installation schedule also. Those firms responsible for installing the mechanical, electrical, communications, and fire alarm features at the stations can only do so once LBI has complete installation of the stations' structural elements. So it's important that all these firms work with a high level of coordination to keep the stations on schedule and give the entire Project a lift up!

FUN FACT

Can a certified DBE lose its certification status by growing too big? Yes, it can, with a milestone that is called **DBE Graduation**.

In order to be considered a DBE, a firm must meet several criteria, one of which is a business size standard. All DBEs must have annual average gross receipts less than \$23.98 million to be eligible for DBE certification. Additionally, depending on the type of work the business performs, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) small business size standards will apply. SBA size standards consider gross receipts (which differ from the \$23.98M figure listed above) and the number of employees. See the SBA website for more information.

Once a DBE firm exceeds the above listed business size markers, it is no longer considered a small business and "graduates" out of the DBE program. DBE firms are required by law to notify their certifying agency when they surpass these business size standards.



Like any graduation, these participants are off to bright futures ahead!

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RFP 152 - MCCTP Road and Station Parking Lot Signage



Visit the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project's <u>Vendor Portal</u> for more information.

CONSTRUCTION BENCH OPPORTUNITIES

• Currently none available

Click <u>HERE</u> to fill out the Questionnaire to apply for the MCTC Construction Bench for future opportunities. We encourage all DBEs and SBs to apply!

For additional information about the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project, please visit **www.mctcjv.com**.

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