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MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT



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(through July 2017)

47 DBE firms contracted with MCTC

\$42.3 million committed to DBE firms

50 SB firms contracted with MCTC

\$25.7 million committed to SB firms

UPCOMING EVENTS

MCTC representatives will be attending the following event(s), we hope to see you there!

- **September 26th:** MCTC DBE 1:1 Trucking Program Meet and Greet, 5 PM - 7 PM

[Click Here to Register](#)

MCTC STAFF VISIT THE "SHOW ME" STATE

A few members of the MCTC DBE Team traveled to Kansas City, Missouri last week to participate in a very special event. No, the MCTC contingent was not seeking to improve their viewing spot for the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse. While Kansas City was an epicenter for solar eclipse enthusiasts, the purpose of MCTC's travels was to shed light upon the Mid Coast Corridor Transit Project's (MCCTP's) DBE/SB Program by participating in the American Contract Compliance Association's (ACCA's)

National Training Institute (NTI). The annual ACCA NTI is where DBE Program professionals from across the country gather to share best practices on how to increase opportunities for DBE/SB firms on public works projects.

By way of background, the ACCA was established in 1986 as a nonprofit national organization dedicated to ensuring equity and fairness in public/private sector employment and contracting. A key goal of the ACCA is to standardize industry practices in the implementation of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and SB/DBE programs. To this end, the ACCA National Training Institute is held annually to discuss and share standard industry practices with individuals that administer these and related programs. Attendees generally include representatives from public agencies such as SANDAG's Manager of Small Business Development and contractors such as MCTC.

ACCA NTI participants not only learn how to improve the EEO and DBE/SBE programs they implement, they also earn Continuing Education Units from Morgan State University and through time can become certified professionals in the following categories: (1) Certified Compliance Administrator (CCA), (2) Master Compliance Administrator (MCA) and (3) Executive Certified Master Compliance Administrator (ECMCA).

Next year's conference will be held in the Buckeye State...Cleveland, Ohio to be exact. For the reasons stated above, MCTC would recommend that any EEO and DBE/SB program administrator seek to attend. At the very least, you will be able to add a new suffix to your signature line.

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Speaking of traveling, are you aware that out of state firms could travel to California to participate as a DBE on Mid Coast Corridor Transit Project? Since MCTC can only claim DBE credit for firms certified as a DBE under the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP), such out of state firms would first need to be certified by the CUCP. Any out of state firm already certified as a DBE in its home state can do this via a streamlined Interstate Application process that will potentially shorten the timeframe to get certified in California. Conversely, any California based DBE firm seeking to work outside of California as a DBE can get certified in those states using the Interstate Application process. Firms seeking additional information should visit www.CaliforniaUCP.org.



DBE Firms Certified by the California Unified Certification Program:

- 4844 Total DBEs in CUCP Database
 - 238 of these are San Diego based firms
 - 593 of these are out of state firms

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Mid Coast Corridor Transit Construction Project don't need no stinking patches...patches of dirt, that is. MCTC construction personnel recently identified soil in a project area that did not pass the smell test. Turns out the pungent scent identified at a confined project area was emanating from contaminated soil. There were old railroad ties in the area that MCTC thinks contributed to the contamination. MCTC will follow the project wide Soil Management Plan to safely contain and dispose of the contaminated soil at a designated dump-site. Fortunately, we have capable DBE Trucking Coordinators to help do the dirty work.

HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS - RELIEF IS ON THE WAY...

Thanks to one of MCTC's DBE Trucking Coordinators, Crest Equipment, who reached out to MCTC

with a great humanitarian idea - to join forces in an effort to provide supplies to the victims of Hurricane Harvey in the Lone Star State...Houston, Texas to be exact!

Beginning today, September 1st through Thursday, September 7th, the MCTC team will be collecting donated items to be transported by Crest Equipment (at their expense) to the relief effort in Houston.

Forty-foot metal containers will be placed at two locations on project alignment to receive donated items.

Donations will also be collected at both MCTC project offices:

- **(SOUTH) Santa Fe Office:** 5066 Santa Fe St.; San Diego, CA 92109
- **(NORTH) Executive Office:** 4690 Executive Dr., Suite 100; San Diego, CA 92121

Suggested donation items include:

- Bedding, pillows and blankets (deliver to Santa Fe Office only)
- Diapers, baby wipes, formula, bottles, portable cribs
- Paper plates & bowls
- Utensils
- Shelf stable foods, canned goods (pop top)
- Snacks, granola bars...
- Peanut butter
- 100% juice
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Cleaning products (no aerosol or liquid bleach)
- Pet food
- Toiletry & personal items
- Bottled water

Please assist Crest Equipment and MCTC in this effort to help those in need...anything, no matter the quantity, will benefit a victim of the hurricane! For more information, please contact:

- Jason Kmezich (MCTC)- jkmezich@mctcgv.com

-or-

- Ashley Simpson (Crest)- asimpson@crestequipmentinc.com

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

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