

Environmental Cultural Resources and Paleontology Services A&E Contract Outreach

January 7, 2025

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Meeting # (access code): 2487 335 9909

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Caltrans District 9

Bishop, CA

Agenda

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| 2:00 PM | Purpose of the Outreach |
| 2:15 PM | Contract Overview – Title VI/ DBE Contract Requirements |
| 2:30 PM | A&E Procurement Process/ DPAC Updates |
| 2:45 PM | Question and Answer Session |
| 3:00 PM | Adjourn |

Purpose of this Outreach

- Contract Overview
- General Information Sharing
- A&E Procurement updates
- Question and Answer Session

Disclaimer

The information provided in this event does not constitute a solicitation or offer of any contract with Caltrans.

For this outreach, the scope of work, duties, contract amount, schedule, and all aspects of the contract are not final.

Information provided is preliminary and subject to change.

Title VI

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination based upon **race, color, and national origin**.

Specifically, 42 USC 2000 states that “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

For more information on the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at Caltrans, please visit:

<http://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/title-vi>

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/civil-rights/documents/title-vi/Caltrans-non-discrimination-policy-statement-a11y.pdf>

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)

What is a DBE?

- Is a for-profit small business that is at least 51% owned by one or more individual(s) who are both socially and economically disadvantaged

Objectives of DBE Program:

- Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of federally-funded contracts in Caltrans highway, transit and airport financial assistance programs
- Create a level-playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for federally-funded contracts
- Ensure that only firms that fully meet the eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs
- To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by recipients

Criteria for DBE certification:

- Eligibility requirements are stated in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26
- Application and more information : <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/>

General Information

Location: District 9

- *Inyo County, Mono, and Eastern Kern Counties*

Scope: The Consultant shall perform professional and technical services required for but not limited to Cultural Resource Services and Paleontological Services

Cost: Contract estimated value is \$6 - \$7 million

Duration: Contract term is 3 years

Existing Contract: 09A0841

Existing Consultant: Parsons Transportation Group Inc.

Scope of Services

- Paleontological Evaluation Report (PER), Paleontological Identification Report (PIR), Paleontological Mitigation Plan (PMP), Paleontological Mitigation Report (PMR), Paleontological Stewardship Summary (PSS)
- Report writing and production of:
 - EIR/EIS
 - Initial Study/Environmental Assessment
 - CE/CE
- Mitigation of adverse effects and substantial adverse changes
- Categorical Exemptions/Categorical Exclusions
- Initial Study/Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts
- Environmental Impact Reports/Environmental Impact Statements
- Section 4(f) Evaluations
- Cumulative Impact Analysis
- Public Outreach Activities (Incidental)

Scope of Services Continued

- Cultural Resource Identification
 - Historic
 - Prehistoric
 - Built Environment (Buildings, Structures, and Objects)
- Cultural Resource Recordation (Archaeology and Architectural History)
- Cultural Resource Evaluation (Archaeology and Architectural History)
- History and Ethnography of Native Californians and Other Ethnic-Groups
- Eco-Factual and Artifactual Analysis
- Report Writing and Production
- Radiocarbon Dating
- Macro-Botanical Identification
- Starch Grain Analysis
- Phytolith Analysis
- Residue Analysis
- Fish Remains Identification

Scope of Services Continued

- Lead, Strontium, and Oxygen Isotope Analysis
- Rock Sourcing (XRF, NAA, etc.)
- Obsidian Hydration
- Aerial Lidar
- Specialized Curation Expertise
- Specialized Historic
- Artifact Expertise
- Geoarchaeology/ Geomorphology
- Human Osteology
- Native American Monitoring
 - May be Needed For:
 - Ground Disturbances on Native American Sites
 - Construction of Caltrans Projects
 - Consultant is Responsible for Payment of Monitors

Personnel Classifications Requirements

- **The Environmental Planner/Scientist Series:**
 - An Interdisciplinary Team Member Who:
 - Participates in Transportation Systems Planning and Project Development
 - Prepares Environmental Analysis of:
 - Proposed Projects
 - Modal and Design Alternatives
 - Identifies Environmental Impacts of Transportation Projects
 - Formulates Measures to Mitigate Impacts
 - Prepares, Reviews, and Processes Environmental Clearance Documents
 - Reviews Environmental Documents of Local, State, and Federal Agencies
 - Prepares, Inventories, and Analyzes Existing and Future Environmental Conditions

- **The Environmental Generalist Requires:**
 - Bachelor's Degree in:
 - Environmental
 - Urban Planning
 - Other Related Field
 - 3 Years of Demonstrated Experience
 - Equivalent to that of a Caltrans Associate Environmental Planner

Personnel Classifications Requirements Continued

- **Archaeological Specialist Requires:**

- Qualification Under the Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Prehistoric Archaeology to Conduct All Types of Studies, Including:
 - Extended Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III Excavations, Involving:
 - Prehistoric Archaeological Resources
 - Historic Archaeological Resources
 - Traditional Cultural Properties
 - Cultural Landscapes of Prehistoric or Ethnographic Nature
- Graduate Degree in:
 - Anthropology
 - Archaeology
 - Cultural Resources Management With Emphasis in Prehistoric Archaeology
 - 16 months of Professional Archaeological Experience Involving Prehistoric Sites and/or Historic Sites
- 1 Year Field Experience, containing:
 - 24 Weeks Fieldwork Under Supervision of a Prehistoric and/or Historic Archaeology PI
 - 12 of These Weeks Must be Excavation Work
 - 8 Weeks of Laboratory Experience on Collections from California or Great Basin Sites Supervised by a Prehistoric and/or Historic Archaeology PI
- 20 Weeks of Fieldwork in a Supervisory Capacity, containing:
 - 8 Weeks on California or Great Basin Sites and
 - Demonstrated Ability to Carry Out Archaeological Research to Completion
 - Evidenced by the Completion of a Thesis, Dissertation, or Other Comparable Major Study Focusing on Prehistoric Site(s)
 - Ability to Carry Out the More Complex Aspects of the Section 106 Process
- Understanding of Caltrans Cultural Resources, Policies, Procedures, and Goals
 - Demonstrated in Reports and/or Past Performance and Familiarity with Caltrans Cultural Resources Contracting Policies and Procedures

Personnel Classifications Requirements Continued

- **Architectural History Specialist Requires:**
 - Graduate Degree in Architectural History, Art History, Architecture, or a closely related field, with a concentration in American architecture; or a graduate degree in American History, Public History, Historic Preservation, American Studies, or a closely related field; or a Bachelor's Degree in one of the above disciplines, plus 24 months of full-time related professional experience.
 - 2 Years of Experience in:
 - Research, writing, teaching, interpretation, or other professional activities related to the practice of architectural history
 - Ability to carry out the more complex and difficult aspects of the Section 106 process
 - Understanding of Caltrans Cultural Resources, Policies, Procedures, and Goals
 - Demonstrated in Reports and/or Past Performance and Familiarity with Caltrans Cultural Resources Contracting Policies and Procedures
- **Paleontological Specialist Requires:**
 - Professional Geologist License in State of California in Good Standing With:
 - California State Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
 - Paleontological Resource Excavation Permits for Collection of Vertebrate Fossils Issued by the Bureau of Land Management
- **Staff Assistance:**
 - Caltrans Will Provide a Proposed and Non-Exclusive List of Personnel Classifications Likely Needed on This Contract
 - Caltrans Reserves the Right to Add or Delete Personnel Classifications from This List
 - These Personnel Will Work Under Direction of a Caltrans Senior

Tentative Schedule

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| Advertisement | February 3, 2025 |
| SOQ Due | March 11, 2025 |
| Interview | March 25, 2025 |
| Cost Negotiation | April-May 2025 |
| Award & Execution | May-June 2025 |

Office of Business & Economic Opportunity (OBEO)

DBE Participation Goal *(TBD in the RFQ)*

Voluntary Use of Small Businesses

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CONTRACT PROCESS Updates/Overview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwWJI0eeoHw>

Question and Answer Session

Outreach information including questions and answers will be posted on DPAC A&E website.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/procurement-and-contracts/ae-contract-information/a-e-outreach-events>