The “Bench” was developed to create opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses to participate in SANDAG On-Call contracts. Small Business (SB) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms are invited to join the Bench to participate in these efforts.

The Bench is composed of firms that are certified as a SB by the California Department of General Services (DGS) or a DBE certified by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP); these firms provide a variety of Architecture and Engineering (A&E) and Construction Management (CM) professional services. The Bench serves as a pool of certified firms that Prime consultants can access for work on SANDAG projects.

SANDAG encourages the use of Bench firms when developing a consultant team to work on SANDAG projects. The Bench program increases small and disadvantaged business opportunities, promotes and fosters diversity, and acts as a conduit for creating partnerships between large and small firms.

Architecture and Engineering (A&E) Bench
SANDAG executed 15 contracts with an estimated value of $260 million for the On-Call Architecture and Engineering (A&E) Design and Environmental program. The A&E contracts provide consultant services for transportation infrastructure projects in San Diego County, including transit system improvements, freeway and bridge enhancements, landscape design, freeway corridors, and other design efforts.

Construction Management (CM) Bench
SANDAG will execute an estimated $200 million in On-Call and Mid-Coast Construction Management (CM) Contracts. The On-Call and Mid-Coast contracts will support transportation projects, including heavy rail, light rail, Rapid transit services, freeways, highways, toll roads, local streets and roads, bikeways, and walkways.