What is the SANDAG Construction Management (CM) Bench?

The Bench was developed to create opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses to participate in SANDAG On-Call contracts. In 2013, in preparation for the $200 million Construction Management Services On-Call procurement, ideas were discussed to create better methods to include small and disadvantaged firms on these contracts. The “Bench” concept was developed to assist certified small and disadvantaged businesses in their efforts to participate in the SANDAG contracting process.

The Bench is intended to assist small firms in fostering new business/partnership opportunities with Prime consultants that will ultimately help grow their emerging businesses.

The CM Bench will be open to small and disadvantaged firms that provide a variety of professional CM services as identified in the CM contracts.

The CM Bench will serve as a pool of firms that Prime consultants will be able to easily access to work on SANDAG projects.

Requirements for CM Bench firms:

- Must be a Construction Management (CM) firm that can provide one or more of the identified 25 On-Call and Mid-Coast CM services listed in the procurement(s).

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firm certified by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) or Small Business (SB) firm certified by the California Department of General Services (DGS).

The CM Bench firm is not required to initially be on a Prime’s team and can be added to any task order upon review and approval by the Prime and SANDAG. Any CM firm that meets the certification requirements can apply to be added to the CM Bench throughout the potential five (5) year contract period of performance.

SANDAG will encourage Prime consultant CM firms to use Bench firms that are certified as either DBE or SB. Only firms certified as DBE may be used by the Prime consultant to meet a DBE/UDBE goal set by SANDAG on a CM Task Order.