Architecture and Engineering Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Owners

SANDAG has contracted an estimated $260 million in On-Call Architecture and Engineering (A&E) for Design and Environmental projects. The On-Call contracts will support transportation projects that include heavy rail, light rail, Rapid transit services, freeways, highways, toll roads, local streets and roads, bikeways, and walkways.

We are committed to creating opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses to participate in On-Call contracts. To assist small businesses, SANDAG has developed the “Bench” program. The A&E Bench is open to architecture or engineering firms that provide a variety of professional A&E services and are certified as either a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) or a Small Business (SB) certified by the California Department of General Services (DGS).

How can you participate in this innovative “Bench” program?

- Register with SANDAG contracts at: sandag.org/contracts
- Click on the “Register” tab to access the SANDAG Vendor Portal
- Click the “New Vendor Registration” button
- Complete the application

Next, register for the A&E Bench:

- Select the “Bench Firm Certification” tab
- Under “Would you like to be certified as a Bench Firm?”, select “Yes”
- Select “Architecture and Engineering (A&E) Bench Certification”
- Answer the “Bench” questions
- When complete, click “Save & Exit” in the bottom right corner