Planning Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Owners

SANDAG will be contracting up to an estimated $40 million in On-Call Planning Contracts. These On-Call Contracts will support transportation projects that include heavy rail, light rail, Rapid transit, freeways, highways, toll roads, local streets and roads, bikeways, walkways, and more.

SANDAG is committed to creating opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses to participate in the On-Call Planning Contracts through the development of the SANDAG Bench Program. The Planning Bench is open to planning firms that provide a variety of transportation planning services and are certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) and/or Small Business (SB) certified by the California Department of General Services (DGS).

These are the requirements to become a Planning Bench firm:

- Go to sandag.org/smallbiz
- Click on the “Register” tab to access the SANDAG Vendor Portal
- Click the “New Vendor Registration” button

Next, register for the Planning Bench:

- Go to the “Bench Firm Certification” tab
- For the question, “Would you like to be certified as a Bench firm?” Select “Yes”
- Check the box for “Planning Bench Certification”
- When your application is complete, click on the “Register” button located on the bottom right corner

For questions about the Planning Bench, please contact:

Small Business Coordinator
sb.coordinator@sandag.org

Small Business Development Manager
elaine.richardson@sandag.org