

CONTRACTING UPDATE

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Up to \$500 million in contracts is expected to be let by the partnering federal agencies over the life of the project. If you are interested in bidding on the first phase of United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) work than you must be registered to do business with the Federal Government.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is the primary registrant database for the Federal Government. Prospective vendors must be registered in CCR in order to receive a contract award from the USACE. If you are already registered in CCR, your profile is very important. To enhance your chances of getting chosen for work, your profile needs to be updated at least every 90 days and it needs to contain detailed information about your firm.

For more information on doing business with the USACE, contact Carolyn Staten, USACE Deputy for Small Business Programs at Carolyn.Staten@usace.army.mil or 817-886-1382, or visit the Office of Small Business Web site at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/SBO/>. Register in CCR at www.ccr.gov.



US Army Corps of Engineers®



CONGRATULATIONS!

This past quarter the following contracts were awarded:

Freese and Nichols commenced the final design for new bridges that will cross the Trinity River Bypass Channel at Henderson Street, White Settlement Road, and North Main Street. The team is comprised of the following vendors:

CDM

AECOM

Corven Engineering

Open Channels Group, LLC

Gorrondona & Associates, Inc.

John Sons Press

Accessories Too, LLC

Multatech

Mas-Tek Engineering & Associates, Inc.

Savant Group, Inc.

Rosales + Partners

The Penna Group commenced valley storage excavation of 550,000 cubic yards (45,000 truckloads) of dirt near the future Samuels Avenue Dam location. The team will be announced at a later date.

Diverse Business Facts

Diverse Business Participation reports providing committed dollars versus actual dollars spent and current participation percentages are posted at www.trinityrivervision.org.

SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR VENDOR DATABASE!

Visit www.trinityrivervision.org and click on the Online Vendor Registration link to sign up to receive notifications for bid opportunities, educational workshops and networking events by email.



In November, TRVA gave two separate presentations at the Fort Worth and Tarrant County Minority Leaders and Citizens Council luncheon, focusing on a project overview and update, and contracting opportunities. Pictured left to right: Carolyn Staten, USACE; Shanna Cate, TRVA; Woody Frossard, TRVA; Major Attaway, FWMBCC; JD Granger, TRVA.



January 11, TRVA held a Contracting Workshop for local contractors and vendors. The presentation outlined the project's timeline and provided an overview of the various scopes of work scheduled for implementation throughout the project's duration. Pictured here: Woody Frossard.

Paul Stone, SBA, and Melea Crouse, USACE, help business owners learn more about the federal certification process and how to enhance their CCR profile at the Federal Contractors and Vendors Certification Workshop on January 25.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend one of these events, stay tuned. TRVA will continue to participate in local procurement events and host workshops for vendors. Check www.trinityrivervision.org for the upcoming event schedule.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Fort Worth Trinity River Vision will deliver an innovative new flood control system that will provide public safety as well as important quality of life elements including: recreational opportunities, ecosystem restoration, and urban revitalization. Central to the plan is the creation of a 12 mile public boardwalk along the river's edge.

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700 or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.



VENDOR DATABASE

Take advantage of the online vendor database. Vendors are finding it to be a very helpful networking tool. We now have over 400 registered vendors who are signed up and interested in working on this project. Go online and search by industry to find other interested prime and sub contractors to partner with on contracts.

Go to www.trinityrivervision.org and click on the Vendor Search and Registration link to access the database. By registering, you will receive notification for all Trinity River Vision bid opportunities and educational workshops.



KEEPING UP WITH THE SCHEDULE

Go to www.trinityrivervision.org to view the contracting schedule. This schedule outlines the types of professional service and construction bid opportunities expected for the project. The entity letting the contract is identified and target start dates are listed. TRVA will keep this chart updated regularly according to the current schedule. Stay in touch by periodically checking this online.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE TRVA FAIR CONTRACTING COMMITTEE

A very active advisory committee has been working cooperatively since January 2006 to help set guidelines for diverse business contracting opportunities and plan educational workshops for vendors interested in working on the project. Chaired by Rosa Navejar, president of the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the committee has representatives from city and federal government, chambers of commerce, project sponsors, women's construction associations, and various certification agencies.

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas
Tosawi Marshall

Camp Dresser & McKee
Don Funderlic

City of Fort Worth M/WBE Office
William Johnson

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
David Berzina
Melonye Whitson

Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Rosa Navejar, Fair Contracting Committee Chair

Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce
Major Attaway
Dee Jennings

North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency
Sheena Morgan

Small Business Administration
Herb Austin
Jennie Montgomery
Yolanda Olivarez
Paul Stone

Southeast, Inc.
Andre McEwing

Tarrant County Purchasing Office
Velina Willis

Tarrant Regional Water District
Stacy Beeson

Texas Building & Procurement Commission
Paul Gibson

Texas Department of Transportation
John Rosson

The Projects Group of Fort Worth
Vicki Dickerson

Trinity River Communications
Wyntress B. Ware

Trinity River Vision Authority
Shanna Cate
JD Granger

United States Army Corps of Engineers
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Carolyn Staten

Women in Construction
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