

Riverside Community College District

LOCAL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Local businesses' involvement and support are critical to the success of numerous Riverside Community College District projects, including the Seismic Retrofit, Renovation and Expansion Projects at Riverside City College, Moreno Valley College and Norco College.

OVERVIEW

The Board of Trustees passed Resolution Number 2-04/05 on September 16, 2004, in support of local companies working on local projects. Riverside Community College District strives to promote and increase contracting opportunities and participation of local businesses within the Inland Empire's Riverside and San Bernardino counties on all RCCD projects. Measure C represents one of the biggest opportunities in recent years for multiple construction projects at RCCD's three colleges, and makes possible the construction of new facilities and the renovation of existing buildings during the next 15 to 20 years. This type of construction activity can have a significant financial impact on the local workforce and businesses in terms of products and construction related services supplied, wages earned, and money spent in the surrounding communities.

The District is committed to achieving these goals by providing accessible contractor supportive services, and ensuring that local businesses receive timely notifications of contracting opportunities through RCCD's local business program.

The Local Business Outreach Program is currently underway, and is in the process of building a dedicated support team to advance these important objectives. The Local Business Outreach Team is working closely with the Measure C Construction Program Delivery Team and prime contractors to achieve the intent set forth by the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees in the resolution.

KEY FACTS

The RCCD Board of Trustees is committed to increasing business opportunities for all construction businesses, and suppliers local to Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Construction businesses in Riverside and San Bernardino counties are currently participating in project construction.

Construction will continue into 2015, (please visit http://www.rcc.edu/bidding_and_contracting/index.asp for new project contracting opportunities).

MAJOR CONTRACTS INCLUDE:

- Center for Student Services, Norco College, **\$17,756,698**
- Nursing/Science/Math Building, Riverside City College, **\$56,840,000**
- Wheelock PE Complex Gymnasium Seismic Retrofit, Riverside City College, **\$18,601,751**
- Learning Gateway Building, Moreno Valley College, **\$31,800,000**



The Local Business Outreach Program works directly with prime contractors to identify opportunities for local businesses on these important renovation and expansion projects. The program provides assistance in securing plans and specifications for review and facilitating direct interaction between local businesses and prospective and active prime contractors.

The Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees has issued a resolution to ensure that RCCD procurement and contracting processes help to meet or exceed the local business participation objectives, and the Local Business Outreach Team stands ready to assist.



Moreno Valley College • Norco College • Riverside City College

DOES MY BUSINESS NEED TO BE PRE-QUALIFIED TO DO BUSINESS WITH RCCD?

No, RCCD does not have a pre-qualification process for its construction projects. Prime contractors are required to possess a valid contractor license applicable to services provided, general liability insurance, workers compensation insurance and bonding (bid bond, performance bonds and payment bonds, as applicable).

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY BUSINESS IS CONSIDERED TO BE A LOCAL BUSINESS?

A business is considered to be a Local Business if the business has either its principal office, or is functioning within the Riverside and San Bernardino Counties defined zip codes and actively engaged in their principal line(s) of business within the Riverside and San Bernardino counties for at least six months prior to the award of contract work.

HOW WILL THE CONTRACTING COMMUNITY BE INFORMED OF RCCD'S FUTURE BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES?

By checking the RCCD website daily at http://rcc.edu/bidding_and_contracting/index.asp. RCCD will reach out to the business community through advertisement in the Press-Enterprise newspaper, electronic mail and by answering general questions and giving presentations about how to conduct business with the District.

HOW DO I RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF BID OPPORTUNITIES?

RCCD posts all BID opportunities on its website at http://rcc.edu/bidding_and_contracting/index.asp.

WILL THE LOCAL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM BE CAPTURED AND REPORTED?

Yes. RCCD is committed to ensuring local businesses have every opportunity to participate in RCCD's contracting program. RCCD will effectively track, monitor and report on contractors successes in achieving these goals and objectives.

WILL RCCD OFFER TRAINING TO ASSIST CONTRACTORS UNFAMILIAR WITH PERFORMING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS?

As a part of RCCD Local Business Outreach Program no-cost Contractor Training will be offered. Among the workshops provided will be "How to do business with RCCD," which will include a comprehensive review of RCCD's bidding requirements. Businesses interested in attending one of the upcoming workshops should contact the RCCD Local Business Outreach Team at (951) 328-3707.

HOW DOES A BUSINESS OBTAIN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS?

Plans and Specifications can be obtained at the location/s identified in the Notice to Bidders. Please visit the RCCD website: http://rcc.edu/bidding_and_contracting/index.asp, or call (951) 328-3707 for further assistance.

RCCD currently utilizes number of plan rooms; for a complete listing please visit the RCCD's website.



THE PROGRAM PROVIDES SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING:

- Contractor Technical Assistance
- No-cost Contractor Training
- Business practices support and Referral
- Contractor Outreach, Business Teaming and Networking Events
- Identification of Small Business Subcontractor and Vendor Opportunities
- Local Business Referral Assistance to Prime and Major Subcontractors
- Readily Accessible Contracting Information
- Plan Rooms

Contact Information:

For more information, contact the Local Business Outreach Program:

Website: http://rcc.edu/bidding_and_contracting/index.asp

Address: 3845 Market Street, 2nd Floor | Riverside, CA 92501

Phone: (951) 328-3707

E-mail: Pla.Administrator@rcc.edu



In response to the Riverside Community College District commitment to local business development, the Local Business Outreach Program will be providing free contractor training. Contractors will learn firsthand about the Notice to Bidders requirements, what is considered a responsive bid, the Project Labor Agreement and Labor Compliance Program, as well as the Contractor General Conditions and Project specifics.