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Peralta Community College District - Bond Program Business Outreach Event - October 26, 2021 Question and Answer Session

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TOPIC: Planning & Design

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<p>For new construction projects, will the District pursue Building Enclosure Commissioning? This is required per Title 24 but a lot of clients do not pursue SOW due to costs even though it's called out within RFQ / RFPs.</p>	<p>We do have a commissioning bench that we've established to hire commissioning agents for our projects moving forward. We would solicit proposals from that bench.</p>	
<p>What is the timeline for creating a new architect bench?</p>	<p>We don't have a set timeline that we've discussed for our current Architect bench. We look at the volume of work that's been passed through the bench and assess as needed.</p> <p>This is a at least a seven year program and for any firms that didn't make the first round of the bench, we want to make sure we open it up again. We anticipate refreshing the bench at least once in the seven years. Whether it's after a three to four year cycle or we go the full four or five year cycle; we haven't made that determination yet.</p> <p>We do want to make sure that firms that have been pre-qualified have a number of opportunities to get some work with the District. That's the whole purpose of the bench is not just to pre-qualify firms, but to make sure that we provide equal opportunity for those firms that have been qualified to actually get some work with the District.</p>	



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<p>Is the bench/pool of selected architects made public or can it be shared?</p>	<p>The bench is available on BoardDocs. We can also share it via email and post it to the the BuildPeralta website, if needed.</p>	
<p>The Laney College Learning & Resources Center was previously going to be DBB delivery. Did I see correctly that it now has been approved as DB? Is the GC Procurement still slated for Q1'22?</p>	<p>The Laney College Learning and Resource Center (LRC) is Design-Bid-Build (DBB). We are currently waiting for DSA approval for the contract.</p>	
<p>It is my understanding that these three Peralta projects were recently put on 'indefinite hold'. Can you provide more info on their status please? (1) New Science and Admin, College of Alameda (DB), (2) Reno of College Building, Berkeley City College (DB), (3) Science/Allied Health Building, Merritt College (DB).</p>	<p>For the COA Science and Admin building, it's not on an indefinite hold. We have a few questions that we need answered before we can move forward with that project, but we are currently still moving forward with the project.</p> <p>The renovation of the Center Street Building is not on indefinite hold. It is dependent on the completion of the Milvia Project. Once the Milvia Project is completed through to construction, that project will begin construction. Both projects are linked, but the Center Street project is not on hold.</p> <p>As for the Science/Allied Health remodel at Merritt, that project is moving forward and Kitchell is currently working on an RFP for an architect. I believe it should be going out any day now.</p>	
<p>Will the on calls for Geotech be issued per campus or for District-wide use?</p>	<p>The Geotechnical district-wide procurement will be solicited for a pool of vendors. Once the pool is established; the district will follow up with individual RFPs for specific projects as needed.</p>	



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TOPIC: Small Business Outreach

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Will Peralta require General Contractors to have local minority joint venture partnerships?	<p>This has not been discussed as a requirement. We've talked about making the 25% more than an aspirational goal and it's currently a set number as part of the pre qualification process. We also currently do have carve outs that are identified in the infrastructure projects for small local businesses.</p> <p>Additionally, we have a small business program that we're developing and preparing to present to the board as far as policy and decision making. Small local business joint ventures are something that is certainly on the table in our discussions around helping move the needle on small local business participation in the program.</p>	
Will this presentation be available to download after the presentation?	Yes - The presentation slides as well as a recording of the presentation will be available on the website - build.peralta.edu . We will also send out an email with a link so firms have access to the information, post event.	build.peralta.edu
Formerly, we were self-certifying for small local business. Is the change recent?	Self certifying is the first step and a part of the process. There is a signed affidavit that firms will need to submit if they are bidding, or proposing on projects. In addition to signed affidavits, firms will still need to provide proof of their certification (local, state or federal agency) and confirm other company information at the time of bid/RFP submittal to verify that they meet the District's SELBE/SLBE requirements.	https://build.peralta.edu/small-local-business-program
Are there any up coming SLBE outreach events?	For up coming events, follow us on any social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram. There's always updated information about the outreach events and project highlights on our social channels. Also visit build.peralta.edu	@BuildPERALTA



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<p>Are the BuildPeralta Academy workshops for building contractors only?</p>	<p>The BuildPERALTA Academy workshops are open to all. Workshops are free and virtual and inclusive to all firms interested in learning more on the topic of the workshop.</p>	<p>https://build.peralta.edu/buildperaltaacademy</p>
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Can Design-Build projects use other architects that aren't on the architect bench list?	Yes - The architect pre qualification that we did was for standalone A/E services. For Design-Build teams, since there's a separate RFQ process for each of those projects - firms do not need to be pre qualified as an architect on the architectural services bench to participate on the Design Build Team.	
If we are prequalified for a specific amount of money with Quality Bidders, can we reapply to increase our limit?	Once Quality Bidders has reviewed the application and a determination has been made based upon the evaluation of your aggregate bonding capacity, financial stability and the value of your previous public education projects, then they score the applications and we reached a proposed limit to bid. If you have any other questions regarding their process, you can always contact them directly. Or if you have questions regarding your limit for bidding, you can contact them for further information directly. You can always call me or email me offline: bslaughter@peralta.edu	bslaughter@peralta.edu
What are the parameters that the District is using to determine pre-qualification dollar amounts?	We use a questionnaire derived from and in compliance with the Department of Industrial Relations. Those standardized questions have been approved by our board, and that's what we use. Quality Bidders goes through an in depth process to come to a determination of the aggregate bonding capacity based on financial stability, the value of previous public education projects, and a questionnaire score. They view your past projects, your bonding capacity, your financial stability, and so forth. Firms can contact me directly if they have additional questions.	bslaughter@peralta.edu



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<p>As a current supplier of business essentials, including furniture, construction tools, and machinery for Peralta, how can we best access information on opportunities and compete for business via bid or purchase orders?</p>	<p>One of the first things you want to do is make sure that you're registered with the District as a Vendor. You can go online and click on the link that says "Vendor Application".</p> <p>The second thing you want to do is register with Vendor Registry in order to receive bids for bidding opportunities. It's important that you do both because we use vendor registry to notify you of any bid solicitations whether they be formal or informal.</p>	<p>https://web.peralta.edu/purchasing/vendor-registration/</p>
<p>Are there any low voltage audio/visual systems RFP's for any of the schools?</p>	<p>We just did a procurement for audio visual for the AV system at Alameda. Many projects will have AV components inside of them however, we don't anticipate a separate stand alone procurement for audio visual. If a firm is a low voltage AV specialty contractor, our recommendation is to make sure that your firm stays connected through the Bond Program Matchmaking Events to our Design-Builders so that you are aware of upcoming opportunities.</p>	
<p>Will prequalified architects currently working on a project with the District continue to receive upcoming RFPs for new projects?</p>	<p>We made a conscious decision that if a firm had worked with the District already, that they weren't going to receive that particular first RFP.</p> <p>Moving forward however, we'll continue to expand it to the full bench. We wanted to make sure that firms that did not have work at least had a first swing at getting some work. However, moving forward we will solicit the entire bench for all of our future procurements.</p>	