

# THE CM BENCH

*Creating Partnerships Between Large and Small Firms*



## Background

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) developed the Construction Management (CM) Bench to expand contracting opportunities for certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business (SB) firms to participate on On-Call CM Contracts.

The current On-Call CM Contracts are worth up to \$150 million in contracting opportunities. The purpose of these contracts is to support transportation projects that include heavy rail, light rail, bus rapid transit, freeways, highways, toll roads, local streets and roads, bikeways, and walkways.

## What is the CM Bench?

The SANDAG CM Bench is a pool of certified DBE and SB firms that are readily available for Prime Consultants to add to their teams as subconsultants on the On-Call CM Contracts or Task Orders.

The CM Bench is an extremely useful tool for Primes and small and disadvantaged businesses as it:

- Increases small and disadvantaged business opportunities
- Promotes and fosters diversity and inclusion
- Creates partnerships between large and small firms

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## BENCH PROGRAM

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## How to Join the SANDAG A&E Bench Program

### Join the SANDAG Bench

SANDAG is committed to creating opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses to participate in on-call contracts. To join the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Construction Management (CM) Bench Program, review the Eligibility Requirements and Registration Instructions to get started.

### Eligibility Requirements

A firm must meet the following eligibility requirements for the type of firm, qualification services, and certifications to be eligible for the SANDAG CM Bench:



#### Type of Firm and Qualification Services

- Must be a planning firm that can provide one or more of the as-needed CM Services

#### Certifications (must have one or both of the following)

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certified by the California Unified Certification Program
- Small Business (SB) certified by the California Department of General Services

#### As-Needed CM Services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Building Official Services</li><li>▪ Constructability Reviews</li><li>▪ Construction Contract Quality Assurance</li><li>▪ Construction Program, Project, and Document Management System Integration</li><li>▪ Contract Dispute Assistance and Resolution</li><li>▪ DBE, Small Business, EEO, and Payment Monitoring and Compliance</li><li>▪ Environmental Compliance Services</li><li>▪ Field Inspection</li><li>▪ Field Office Administration</li><li>▪ Field Office Engineering</li><li>▪ Geotechnical Services</li><li>▪ Geotechnical Support (Bore Hole Drilling)</li><li>▪ Hazardous/Contaminated Materials Services</li><li>▪ Independent Cost Estimating</li><li>▪ Job Site Safety</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Labor Compliance, and Skilled &amp; Trained Workforce Monitoring and Compliance and Project Labor Agreements Compliance</li><li>▪ Material/product plant and Source Inspection Services</li><li>▪ Materials Sampling and Testing</li><li>▪ Photo and Video Documentation Services</li><li>▪ Project Scheduling</li><li>▪ Records and File Auditing</li><li>▪ Services Associated with Management, Administration, and Enforcement of Construction Contracts</li><li>▪ Storm Water (NPDES) Compliance</li><li>▪ Surveying and Construction Staking</li><li>▪ Systems Start-Up and Testing</li><li>▪ Traffic Handling Support</li><li>▪ Transit Inspection</li></ul> |
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### Registration Instructions

- Open a browser and go to [sandag.org/contracts](http://sandag.org/contracts)
- Review the “Doing Business with SANDAG” webpage
- Navigate to the “Register” section
- Click on the link to register for free on the SANDAG Vendor Portal hosted by BidNet Direct
- Complete the general vendor registration; if you are already a SANDAG vendor, please log into BidNet with your username and password
- On the BidNet Direct website, click on “Solicitations,” then navigate to the “Qualifications” section to start the Bench application
- Visit the “Small Business Bench Applications” webpage for additional Bench information and how to register

