

BONDING ASSISTANCE

Southwest Region SBTRC: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada

The Southwest Region Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SW SBTRC), operated by the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, serves the small business contracting community in Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. The goal of the SW SBTRC is to increase the ability of small businesses to compete for and enter into transportation-related contracts at the local, state and federal levels throughout the region. Headquartered in Sacramento, the SW SBTRC assists small and disadvantaged businesses in the region by providing procurement, technical, financial and bonding assistance.

<http://www.dot.gov/osdbu/sw-sbtrc>

Additional Resources

The Caltrans/SBA Bonding Assistance Initiative is another valuable resource available to you. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in consultation with the Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), to offer a technical assistance surety bond guarantee program to promote increased small business participation in Caltrans, State highway and transit projects.

This initiative is vital to placing more small businesses on the path to full and adequate utilization within California, bringing success to more small businesses, thereby strengthening the State's business community and economy. Further, this initiative provides a viable means to advance the unimpeded participation of all willing, ready, and able construction contractors and subcontractors, professional architectural and engineering firms, suppliers and truckers, without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, or physical disability to participate in the State's Contracting Program.

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program helps eligible small businesses obtain bid, performance and payment bonds by guaranteeing surety companies between 70% and 90% of the bond amount.

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program contains two components: Prior Approval Program and Preferred Program. For more information, please visit their Web site at www.SBA.gov

Contact or visit your nearest SBA office listed below:

Santa Ana District Office

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Santa Ana, CA 92701
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Los Angeles District Office

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Other Offices located in California can be found at the link below:

http://www.caltrans.ca.gov/hq/bep/documents/CT_SBA_Bonding_Assistance_Initiative.pdf