

## **Course Title**

Evaluating DBE Good Faith Efforts and Contract UDBE Goal Setting on Federal-aid Construction Contracts.

**Dates:** December 8 & 9, 2011 - The training will be exactly the same for each day, please pick one day.

**Location:** 100 S. Main St., Los Angeles, 90012 - Conference Room 01.040B - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Debbie Morales @ (213) 897-2931 or [debbie\\_morales@dot.ca.gov](mailto:debbie_morales@dot.ca.gov) to make a reservation.

**Seating is limited please call or email in advance to reserve a spot.**

**Parking:** Please note that parking is not available at the District facility. However, there is ample parking in the vicinity of our building.

## **Course Description**

Evaluating good faith effort (GFE) and setting contract UDBE goals on construction contracts for Federal-aid projects. This session will examine the various factors used by Caltrans in determining the adequacy of a GFE, provide examples, and show how to properly document the decisions to accept or reject a GFE. In covering contract goals this class will examine what work can be subcontracted, how to determine the number of UDBEs available for this work, and how ultimately to determine a contract specific goal for a construction project.

## **Course Objectives**

To better understand the factors used in evaluating GFEs and how to document these factors. To understand how to derive contract specific goals for construction projects by looking at work available for UDBEs and how that relates to your market area.

## **Who should attend**

Local public agency employees who evaluate GFEs of bidders and determine contract UDBE goals on Federal-aid contracts.

# 2012 Discretionary Grant Programs



## Memorandum

U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Subject: **ACTION:** Solicitation for FY 2012  
Candidate Projects for 12 Discretionary  
Programs

Date: November 9, 2011

From: /s/Original signed by  
Victor M. Mendez  
Administrator

In Reply Refer To: HOA-1

To: Directors of Field Services  
Division Administrators  
Division Engineers

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the FY 2012 solicitation for candidate projects for 12 discretionary grant programs. The Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, Part II (Extension Act), title I of Public Law 112-30, extended Federal-aid highway program funding through March 31, 2012. FHWA plans to award funding available for these programs under the six-month extension. If additional FY 2012 funding for these programs is provided, FHWA intends to subsequently award these additional program funds based upon responses to this solicitation, if merited by the applications that are received.

Listed below are the approximate amounts of funding currently available (including any carryover funding from previous years) for the 12 discretionary grant programs. The actual amount available for award in each program is subject to change pending final calculations of Federal-aid highway program funding distributions or any additional funding provided by Congress.

Delta Region Transportation Development - \$4.7million  
Ferry Boat - \$22.2 million  
Highways for Life - \$9.5 million  
Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment - up to \$4.2 million  
Interstate Maintenance - \$47.3 million  
National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation - \$4.7 million  
National Scenic Byways Program - \$20.6 million  
Public Lands Highways - \$45 million  
Rail Highway Crossing Elimination in High Speed Rail Corridors - \$7.1 million  
Transportation, Community and System Preservation - \$29 million

Truck Parking Facilities - \$2.9 million  
Value Pricing Pilot Program - \$6.9 million

By this notice, the FHWA is soliciting applications for these 12 programs for FY 2012 funding. Detailed information about each program and eligibility requirements can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/index.cfm>.

Our goal is to put the currently available funding to work as quickly as possible to provide needed transportation improvements and support economic growth. To that end, FHWA is announcing this solicitation to advance these programs and put Americans back to work.

Eligible applicants will have until **COB Friday, January 6, 2012**, to submit their application (s) to the appropriate FHWA Office.

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