

THE A&E BENCH

Creating Partnerships Between Large and Small Firms



Background

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

The current On-Call A&E Contracts is worth up to \$300 million in contracting opportunities. The purpose of these contracts is to provide consultant services for transportation infrastructure projects in San Diego County including transit system improvements, freeway and bridge enhancements, landscape design, freeway corridors, and other design efforts.

What is the A&E Bench?

The SANDAG A&E 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 A&E Contracts or Task Orders.

The A&E 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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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) Architecture and Engineering (A&E) 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 A&E Bench:



Type of Firm and Qualification Services

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

- ADA Compliance
- Air Quality Studies
- Archaeology
- Architecture/Building Design/Interior Design
- Biological Services
- Coastal Engineering
- Community Impact Analysis, Land Use, and Growth Studies
- Constructability Reviews and Plan Checking
- Cultural Resources
- Design Support During Construction
- Environmental Compliance
- Environmental Documents
- Forensic Engineering
- FTA New Starts and Other Transit Analysis
- Geotechnical and Geology
- Greenhouse Gases Studies
- Habitat Restoration Design and Maintenance
- Hazardous Waste
- Highway Design
- Hydraulics and Hydrology
- Landscape Architecture and Irrigation Design
- Local Street, Bikeway, Walkway Design
- Noise and Vibration Studies
- Paleontology Studies
- Permits/Notices
- Railroad Modeling
- Railroad Track Design
- Regional Monitoring and Management Studies
- Right-of-Way Engineering
- Section 4(f) Evaluations
- Service Life Modeling
- Structures
- Surveying
- Traffic Design
- Traffic Electrical
- Transit and Railroad Maintenance and Operations Facilities Design
- Transit and Railroad Station Design
- Transit and Railroad Systems Engineering Design
- Transit and Railroad Traction Power Design
- Transit and Railroad Train Signaling Design
- Transit and Railroad Vehicle Design
- Transit Guideway Design
- Utilities
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Wildlife Movement Studies

Registration Instructions

- Open a browser and go to 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

