

THE PLANNING BENCH

Creating Partnerships Between Large and Small Firms



Background

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

The current On-Call Planning Services Contracts is worth up to \$40 million in contracting opportunities. The purpose of these contracts is to support many of the region's transportation planning projects which include, transportation and land use planning, active transportation planning, and transportation demand management.

What is the Planning Bench?

The SANDAG Planning 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 Planning Services Contracts or Task Orders.

The Planning 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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GET CONNECTED**

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How to Join the SANDAG Planning 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) Planning 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 Planning Bench:



Type of Firm and Qualification Services

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

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

As-Needed Planning Services

- Active Transportation
- Air Quality
- Complete Streets
- Emerging technologies
- Facility Planning
- Finance
- Goods Movement
- Market Research and Survey
- Partnership Collaboration
- Planning Support Services
- Regional Plan / Corridor Development
- Service Planning
- Smart Growth
- Transportation Demand Management(TDM)

