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VA Updates and Improves Assistance Program for Transitioning Service Members

WASHINGTON — As part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) ongoing efforts to help transitioning service members navigate and understand VA's various benefits, the agency recently updated VA's briefing portion of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) – an interagency initiative authorized as a voluntary program in 1991 under the National Defense Authorization Act and made mandatory under the VOW to Hire Heroes Act in 2011 to help service members adjust to civilian life.

The new VA briefing is designed to be more collaborative and stimulating, helping service members make informed decisions about their health care, employment, housing and other benefits.

"Each year, thousands of military members leave the service and settle in communities around the nation, with the goals of establishing comfortable homes, attaining quality education for themselves and their families, and finding rewarding employment opportunities," said Acting VA Secretary Robert M. Wilkie. "Coming from the Department of Defense, I understand the importance of this great program, and I believe these changes will strengthen it further and provide real-life relevance to those who have given a portion of their lives to serving our nation."

Because no two transitions are the same, the updates deliver elements relevant to service members based on where they are in their career and life. The redesign will encourage whole-health support for service members and their family members, to include relevant information about Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) and allow time to identify local VSO representatives.

The updates, released this month, incorporated suggestions made by Veterans, VSOs and post-9/11 Veterans groups, including taking a more holistic view of a service member's new life, as well as the psychosocial aspects of the transition to civilian life.

"In fiscal year 2017, VA provided more than 63,000 events to educate more than 500,000 transitioning service members and family members," said Margarita Devlin, executive director of the VA Benefits Assistance Service. "VA consistently receives high evaluations from service members who attend these benefits briefings, and we have taken the next step by incorporating recommendations by other stakeholders to make the program even better."

VA will now work to fully integrate TAP objectives into the military lifecycle, and as an added benefit, will begin implementing a post-transition Veteran survey. To view VA's updated curriculum, visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/TAP/>.

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HARDI Official Statement on New Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) expresses concern over the new steel and aluminum tariffs announced this week, in that they may have detrimental impact on demand for HVACR products.

According to a survey of HARDI members conducted by the HARDI Sheet Metal & Air Handling Committee which concluded on March 7, the current overall domestic production capacity of steel and aluminum HVACR products cannot alone meet current demand of the domestic market.

The American steel and aluminum industries also cannot currently make certain materials such as the low-gauge foil required to make FSK (Foil-Scrim-Kraft) facings used on essential duct insulating products such as duct board and duct wrap. Therefore, our concern is that an increase in aggregate costs brought by the new tariffs may also result in a decrease in demand for HVACR products further along the supply chain."

HARDI does not currently know how these tariffs will affect the demand of finished HVACR products in terms of quantified metrics, but going forward HARDI intends to quantify this impact through closely monitoring its benchmarking and statistical programs.

"The immediate impact of these new tariffs will be felt first by our suppliers," says HARDI CEO Talbot Gee. "They have HARDI's full support so long as the interests of and benefits to the rest of the channel are maintained."

"The HARDI Sheet Metal & Air Handling Committee has been integral in working with members for our analysis of the potential impact of these new tariffs," Gee continues. "We are confident in their ability to give continued, accurate assessments of the effects on our industry as this new policy is implemented."

ABOUT HARDI

HARDI (Heating, Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International) is the single voice of wholesale distribution within the HVACR industry. HARDI members market, distribute, and support heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration equipment, parts and supplies. HARDI Distributor members serve installation and service/replacement contractors in residential and commercial markets, as well as commercial/industrial and institutional maintenance staffs. HARDI proudly represents more than 480 distributor members representing more than 5,000 branch locations, and close to 500 suppliers, manufacturer representatives and service vendors.

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F&H Construction is Requesting Sub-bids from Certified DVBE Subcontractors and/or Suppliers for the following project:

Napa Valley Unified School District
Campus Renovations at Irene Snow Elementary School
 1130 Foster Road, Napa, CA 94558

Project No. SPC 29.40-17
Bids Due: April 25, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Seeking: Demolition; Concrete; Masonry; Structural Steel; Metal Decking; Rough Carpentry; Roofing; Sheet Metal Flashing & Trim; Doors & Hardware; Glazing; Gypsum Board; Flooring; Painting; Signage; Toilet & Bath Accessories; Food Service Equipment; Window Shades; Wheelchair Lifts; Fire Suppression; Plumbing; HVAC; Electrical; Fire Alarm Systems; Earthwork; Exterior Improvements.

MEP Subcontractors must be pre-qualified with the Napa Valley Unified School District

100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. Call for information on plans and specifications as well as assistance with bonding, line of credit, insurance or technical issues.

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Hanly General Engineering Corporation
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**SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION
 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**
**Campus Wide Facility Improvements Project,
 Site Underground Utilities**
 2975 East Highway 246, Santa Ynez, CA 93460
BID DUE: May 1, 2018 @ 2:00 pm

Site Underground Utilities

SEEKING: Any service(s) or product(s) you can provide to complete the bid requirements.

Plans and specs available upon request.

Hanly General Engineering Corporation

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Elk Grove Unified School District
Career Technical Education and Path of Travel Improvements at Valley High School
 6300 Ehrhardt Ave., Sacramento, CA 95823
Bids Due: April 18, 2018 @ 4:00 PM

Seeking, but not limited to: Demolition, Concrete, Fencing & Gates, Signage, Toilet Rooms, Grading, Low Retaining Walls.

100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. Call for information on plans and specifications as well as assistance with bonding, lines of credit, insurance or technical issues.

Diède Construction, Inc.

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S.C. Anderson, Inc. Requesting Sub-bids from Certified DVBE Subcontractors/Suppliers for the following project:

San Luis Obispo County Community College District
Cuesta College Aquatics Center & 1000 Complex Accessible Upgrades Project
 Cuets College Highway 1, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403
Bid Date: April 26, 2018 @ 1:00 PM

Size/Scope: Demolition of three sheds (structures) and miscellaneous pool equipment, relocation of bleachers and pool equipment, complete removal / replacement of 50 meter competition & 25 yard training pools and bulkheads, new surge tanks, removal / replacement / start-up / commissioning of pool equipment / pipe supports / piping, underground site utilities, sitework, ADA upgrades of five (5 ea.) buildings.

Specific work includes: survey, demolition, site utilities, site / structural concrete, reinforcing steel, asphalt repair / resurfacing, striping / signage, chain link fencing, masonry retaining walls, miscellaneous metals & guardrails, cabinets / tops, finish carpentry, doors-frames-hardware, metal stud framing / drywall / veneer plaster, ceramic tile / paver tile, painting, signage, toilet partitions and accessories, locker benches, plumbing, and electric. Work specific to the Swimming Pools include: excavation, gravel underdrain, perforated pipe / observation well, concrete, reinforcing steel, shotcrete, ceramic tile, demo / new pool equipment, pipe supports, pool pumps, timing system, start-up and pool plumbing.

S.C. Anderson, Inc.

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F&H Construction Requesting sub-bids from qualified **DBE** subcontractors/suppliers for the following project:

**City of Brentwood
Non-Potable Storage Facility
Project No. 592-59198**

Bid Due Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 2:00 PM
Location: 2251 Elkins Way, Brentwood, CA

Seeking: Demolition, Concrete, Masonry, Structural Steel, Steel Roof Decking, Misc. Metals, Board Insulation, Metal Roof Panels, Metal Flashing & Trim, Joint Sealants, Metal Doors & Frames, Door Hardware, Painting & Coatings, HVAC, Electrical, Earthwork, AC Paving, Site Utilities, Vehicle Barriers, Process Integration, Line Shaft Vertical Turbine Pumps, Water & Wastewater Equipment. *100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required. Please call for assistance with bonding and insurance or obtaining necessary equipment, supplies or material for this project.*

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David A. Bush, Inc., Requesting sub-bids from qualified **DVBE** subcontractors/suppliers for the following project:

**Project: Modernization at Huron Elementary School
New Classroom Wing at Huron Elementary
New Classroom Wing at (Chestnut) Huron Academy**
Location: Coalinga, CA
Owner: Coalinga-Huron Unified School District
Bids Due: April 26, 2018 at 3:00 PM

Requesting Bids For: Hazardous Material Abatement; Selective Demolition; Concrete; Structural Steel & Metal Fabrication; Rough Carpentry; Casework; Insulation; Metal Roofing; Built-Up Roofing; Sheet Metal Flashing & Trim; Doors, Frames & Hardware; Fiberglass-Sandwich-Panel Assemblies; Tubular Daylighting Devices; Glazing; Plaster; Gypsum Board; Tile; Acoustical Ceilings; Floor Covering, Painting, Signage; Toilet Partitions & Accessories; Fire Sprinkler System; Plumbing & Site Utilities; HVAC & Controls; Electrical & Low Voltage; Earthwork; Paving; Fencing & Gates; Landscape & Irrigation.

Plans & Specifications may be obtained from Mangini Associates, Inc. (559) 627-0530

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for trades with contracts exceeding \$100,000. Please provide a separate price for bond cost. Bond premium will be paid by David A. Bush, Inc. Subcontract and Purchase Order forms may be viewed at our office. By submitting a bid, the Subcontractor/Supplier confirms that he has reviewed the appropriate form and consents to execute same without modification, if awarded by David A. Bush, Inc. License # 492686

David A. Bush, Inc.

518 N. Redington Street, Hanford, CA 93230
Contact: Herman Cassaday, Estimator
Phone: (559) 584-1575 * Fax: (559) 584-1591

Lamon Construction Company, Inc. is Requesting Sub-bids from Certified **DBE** Subcontractors and/or Suppliers for the following project:

**CALTRANS - Contract No. 03-0G1204
Construction On State Highway In Sutter County Near Meridian
From 0.1 Mile East of Meridian Road To Sutter Bypass Bridge.**

Federal-Aid Project No. ACNH-P020(182)E
Bids Due: Thursday, April 26, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Seeking: Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Traffic Cones, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Job Site Mgmt., Prepare WPCP, Temp. Concrete Washout, Treated Wood Waste, Shoulder Backing, Prepaving Inertial Profiler, Minor Hot Mix Asphalt, Rubberized HMA, Data Core, Place Hot Mix Asphalt Dike, Tack Coat, Cold Plane AC Concrete Pavement, Minor Concrete, Pavement Markers, Object Marker, Midwest Guard Rail System, Vegetation Control, Transition Railing, Alternative Flared Terminal System, Thermoplastic Pavement Markings, Thermoplastic Traffic Striping, Rumble Strip, Lighting System, Modify Existing Electrical System.

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AEOE Requesting Sub-bids from Qualified **SLBE/ MBE/WBE** Subcontractors/Suppliers for:

**El Paso Water Utilities - El Paso, Texas
PSB Bid No. 19-18**

George Dieter-Montwood & Rex Baxter 24-Inch
SCCP Transmission Main Replacement
Bids Due: April 19, 2018 @ 2:00 PM (CST)
Estimate: \$1,747,597.00 - \$2,563,147.00

Seeking: Drilling, AC Paving, Concrete, Landscape, Traffic Control, Trucking.

Plans & Specs for EPWU PSB Bid# 19-18:
<http://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/b8d64994-dc1f-4a7a-a76f-7194f1a87443>

100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. For more information, please visit our website: www.sccitanks.com

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