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VA Issues New Policy to Protect Veteran Homeowners from Predatory Lending

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has issued a new policy implementing the May 2018 Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, to protect Veteran homeowners from predatory lending practices when obtaining a VA-guaranteed refinance loan.

The act helps protect Veterans and service members from the dangers associated with repeatedly refinancing their home loans, requiring, among other things, the seasoning of the original loan and a recoupment period for fees, closing costs, and expenses related to the refinance.

“We want to ensure Veterans have the informed ability to take advantage of economic opportunities and make sound decisions that enable them to prosper when using their benefits,” said Acting VA Secretary Peter O’Rourke. “This is yet another tool that will help Veterans meet their personal goals.”

The act also provides for a specified interest rate decrease and for protections of loan-to-value ratios. A refinancing loan must meet the requirements specified in the act or VA will not guarantee the loan.

VA recently implemented a policy where lenders provide Veteran borrowers a comparison of their existing VA-backed home loan to the proposed one when refinancing to ensure borrowers are set up for success. This is also referred to as a recoupment or break-even analysis, which helps Veteran borrowers clearly understand the costs of refinancing, the monthly payment savings, and the overall impact on their finances.

VA-backed home loans generally do not require a down payment, have low closing costs, and are the lowest rates among all loan products in the marketplace. Notably, VA-backed home loans also continue to outperform other products in the market. In fiscal year (FY) 2017, VA guaranteed more than 740,000 loans for a total of \$189 billion, an all-time record for the VA Home Loan Program. Over the past three years, VA has guaranteed more than 2 million VA home loans for over \$500 billion.

The VA Home Loan Program’s mission is to maximize Veterans’ and service members’ opportunity to obtain, retain, and adapt homes by providing a viable and fiscally responsible benefit program in recognition of their service to the nation. In addition, VA also helps severely disabled Veterans adapt their homes to live more independently by providing up to \$81,080 for home modifications. For more information, including eligibility criteria, visit Housing Grants for Disabled Veterans.

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AGC: Material prices growing fast, tariffs threaten more increases

In an analysis of the U.S. Department of Labor's producer price indexes and employment cost indexes, the Associated General Contractors of America found that material prices rose nearly 9% from May 2017 to May 2018 — the biggest annual increase in seven years — despite an only 4.2% increase in the price of construction for the same period. In addition, the AGC said the latest price data did not include hikes due to tariffs, which could pinch contractors even more. From April to May, material prices increased 2.2%.

Construction-related materials that saw a price increase year over year in May included aluminum mill shapes (17.3%), lumber and plywood (13.9%), copper and brass mill shapes (13.8%), steel mill products (10.5%), diesel fuel (44.5%), asphalt felts and coatings (8.9%), ready-mixed concrete (6.5%) and paving mixtures and blocks (5.2%).

Even though the steel and aluminum tariffs, which went into effect for Canada, Mexico and the European Union on May 31, are not reflected in this latest round of data, the AGC reported that U.S. steel mills have been inundated with orders that exceed capacity. This is likely to create construction delays and force budget overruns, which could lead to cancellation of some projects.

Even though the 25% tariff on steel and the 10% tariff on aluminum have only been in effect for a relatively short amount of time, they have already negatively affected American businesses, according to Bloomberg. This includes the construction industry as some developers have delayed their capital programs, or are considering doing so, because of uncertainty around the impact of the tariffs. This is especially true for those who source material from abroad.

However, the tariffs seem to be making a positive impact on steel-town communities, as mills hire additional workers to keep up with the demand for American-made steel.

Canada, Mexico and the European Union wasted no time announcing retaliatory trade measure against the United States after President Donald Trump decided that the tariff exemptions extended to them in March would no longer be valid. Canada said it would impose tariffs on steel, aluminum and other goods from the U.S. relative to the value of Canadian exports affected by the U.S. duties, which the Canadian government estimated at nearly \$13 billion. Canada and other nations, including China, are looking to the World Trade organization to help resolve the dispute.

India is the latest country to take action against U.S. goods in response to the administration's tariffs. The Indian government has proposed tariffs on 30 U.S. products, a move which is intended to recover the \$241 million the country says it will lose to U.S. tariffs.

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

**Wasco Union Elementary School District
James A Forrest Elementary School -Increment 1 and Increment 2 REBID Packages
Bid Date: 6/29/18 @ 10:00 AM
New Elementary**

PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: Wasco Union Elementary School District – Facilities Planning & Construction District Office - 1102 5th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT S.C. Anderson, Inc. has been designated as “CONSTRUCTION MANAGER” to represent the Wasco Union Elementary School District, hereinafter referred to as “DISTRICT” for the construction of James A. Forrest Elementary School – Increment 1 and 2. As such, on behalf of the DISTRICT, S.C. Anderson is seeking Trade Contract Bids for the work noted below. The DISTRICT will receive bids for the award of Trade Contracts for the above project up to, but not later than, the above-stated time.

Bid Package	Title of Bid Package	License Number
BP 00	Standard Requirements	
BP 14	Store Front System, Entrance Glass/Glazing and Tubular Skylights	C-17
BP 16	Insulation	C-2
BP 18	Doors, Frames and Hardware	C-5 or C-6
BP 33	Synthetic Turf and Drainage Layer	C-27

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ad# 52789

Desert Air Conditioning, Inc. is seeking bids from Certified DVBE sub-contractors for the following project:

Ontario-Montclair School District

De Anza Middle School Health & Learning Center
1450 S. Sultana Avenue, Ontario, CA 91761

Bid Date/Time: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

Prospective contract bidders – may obtain bid documents from Ledesma & Meyer Construction, through SECUREBOX link. Please contact Julie Williams at (909) 476-0590 or via email at juliew@lmcci.com.

All subcontract bids in excess of \$100,000. will be required to bond their work.

**If you have any questions, please contact Tina at (760) 323-3383.
Return fax to (760) 323-8983.**

Desert Air Conditioning, Inc.

590 Williams Road - Palm Springs, CA 92264
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Granite Rock Company is requesting sub-bids from qualified DBE Subcontractors / Suppliers for the following project:

**City of San Jose
8702 – 2018 San Jose Pavement Project
Federal Project No. STPL-5005 (152)
Bid Date: Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 3:00 PM
Engineers Estimate: \$5,876,828**

All items of work are available to DBE firms, particularly these: **Traffic Control System, Water Pollution Control Plan, PCMS, Adjust Utilities, Minor Concrete, Buy & Haul Tack Coat, AC Milling, Pavement Markers, Striping, Electrical and Trucking.**

Granite Rock Company 'Graniterock' is signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Carpenters and Cement Masons unions. 100% performance and payment bonds will be required from a qualified surety company for the full amount of the subcontract price. Bonding assistance is available. Graniterock will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. In addition to bonding assistance, subcontractors are encouraged to contact Graniterock Estimating with questions regarding obtaining lines of credit, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies, or with any questions you may have. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, DIR number, insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Subcontractors will be required to enter into our standard contract. Graniterock intends to work cooperatively with all qualified firms seeking work on this project. Granite Rock Company is an equal opportunity employer.

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ad# 53079

Central Valley Asphalt Requesting sub-bids from certified DBE subcontractors/suppliers for the following project:

City of Shafter

**2017 Beech Avenue Street Improvement Project, Phase II
Bid Date: June 22, 2018 at 11:00 AM**

Seeking Sub-bids from certified DBE Subcontractors/Suppliers for, but not limited to: **Grinding; Concrete; Striping; Fog Seal; Traffic Control; Trucking; Material Suppliers; And/or Any product or service you can provide to complete the bid requirements.**

Central Valley Asphalt

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Granite Rock Company is requesting sub-bids from qualified
DBE Subcontractors/Suppliers for the following project:

City of Santa Cruz
BAY STREET SIDEWALK COMPLETION INFILL PROJECT
Federal Project No. HSIPL-5025 (066)
Bid Date: June 28, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Santa Cruz / Engineer's Estimate: \$574,000

Items of work include but are not limited to: **Traffic Control, Construction Area Signs, SWPPP, Clearing & Grubbing, Survey, Demolition, Minor Concrete (Driveway, Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter), Adjust Utilities, Fencing, Landscape, Guardrail, Striping & Marking, & Trucking.**

Plans and Specs are available in our San Jose office, 5225 Hellyer Avenue, Suite 220, San Jose, CA 95138 or on-line at ebidboard.com. Granite Rock Company 'Graniterock' is signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Carpenters and Cement Masons unions. 100% performance and payment bonds will be required from a qualified surety company for the full amount of the subcontract price. Bonding assistance is available. Graniterock will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. In addition to bonding assistance, subcontractors are encouraged to contact Graniterock Estimating with questions regarding obtaining lines of credit, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies, or with any questions you may have. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, DIR number, insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Subcontractors will be required to enter into our standard contract. Graniterock will breakdown items of work to facilitate DBE participation. Graniterock intends to work cooperatively with all qualified firms seeking work on this project. Granite Rock Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

Kern High School District
ROP-CTERTC Expansion at Regional Occupational Training Center
Culinary Arts Building and Cosmetology Building Remodel
Bid Date: July 11, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: The project consists of a new single story, 11,974 square foot culinary building and the interior demolition / remodel of existing single story, 9,707 square foot space for new cosmetology building plus associated site work.

SCOPE: abatement, demolition, survey, site and structural concrete, structural and miscellaneous steel, steel decking, rough carpentry, finish carpentry, architectural woodwork, plastic paneling, insulation, concrete moisture vapor control, metal wall panels, membrane roofing, sheet metal, expansion/seismic joint covers, roof accessories, fireproofing & firestopping, hollow metal doors-door/window frames, access doors, overhead coiling door, glass and glazing, solar control films, metal stud framing and drywall, tile, acoustical ceilings, linear metal ceiling, flooring, paint, epoxy flooring, markerboards, signage, folding panel partition, corner guards, toilet accessories, fire extinguishers and cabinets, metal lockers, residential appliances, food service equipment, miscellaneous specialties, window coverings, metal countertops, solid surface countertops, fire sprinkler, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, low voltage, grading, landscape and irrigation, wet utilities, and AC paving.

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Granite Rock Company is requesting sub-bids from qualified
MBE/WBE Subcontractors/Suppliers for the following project:

City of San Jose
8632 – Horace Mann and Washington Neighborhood Green Alleyways Improvement
Bid Date: Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 3:00 PM
Engineers Estimate: \$1,648,915.

All items of work are available to **WBE / MBE** firms, particularly these: **Traffic Control, Brick Pavers, HDPE Pipe Supplier, WPCP, Adjust Utilities, Minor Concrete, Electrical and Trucking.**

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KJ Woods Construction, Inc. Requesting sub-bids from qualified
LBE subcontractors/suppliers for the following project:

City & County of San Francisco
Various Locations Pavement Renovation No. 37
And Sewer Replacement
Contract No. 1000008792
Bid Due Date: June 27, 2018 @ 2:30 PM

Seeking, but not limited to: Mobilization & Demobilization; Traffic Control; Traffic Loops; SWPPP; Trench Sheetting; Shoring & Bracing; Grinding; Earthwork; Excavation; Cast-In-Place Concrete, Misc Concrete (Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk); Pavement Restoration; Pipeline Materials; VPC/HDPE/CIPP; Slurry Grout; Sanitary Sewer Manholes; Frames & Covers; Trucking/Removal of Materials.

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required. Call for plans, specifications and bid requirements. Bonding, Insurance, line of credit assistance available.

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