NEW CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MBEs)

STATEWIDE MASTER CONTRACT - TRADE LABOR SERVICES

If you perform services related to certain construction trades work, have some experience performing these services for institutional clients or comparable commercial clients, and are a "small contractor" or a "minority owned business enterprise" as those terms are defined by Connecticut statute, you may be interested in new contracting opportunities through the State Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

What are the New Opportunities and the Timelines?

Later this summer DAS will be issuing an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for a new Trade Labor contract used by the state and its municipalities for small agency repair, renovation or construction projects. These disciplines include:

- A/C & Ventilation System Repair Lead A/C & Ventilation System Inspector (D-1 License required)
- A/C & Ventilation System Inspector (D-2 License required)
- Boiler / Burner Repair Lead Boiler Inspector - Unlimited (S-1 License required)
- Boiler Inspector, Journeyman - Unlimited (S-2 License required)
- Lead Boiler Inspector - Limited (S-3 License required)
- Boiler Inspector, Journeyman - Limited (S-4 License)
- Chain Link Fence - Replacement & Repair
- Duct Cleaning (Members of the NADCA and ASCS)
- Glazier (License Required FG-1, FG-2, AG-1, or AG-2)
- HVAC Repair/Maintenance Lead HVAC Inspector (License S-1, S-3, S-7 or D-1 required)
- HVAC Inspector - Journeyman (License S-2, S-4, S-8 or D-2 required)
- Locksmith
- Masonry Services (License Major or General Contractor, not mandatory).
- Bricklayer
- Cement Mason
- Stonemason
- Paperhanger
- Parking Lot, Driveway, Tennis Court & Track Repair Sealing Crack Filling
- Roofer (License Major or General Contractor)
- Sand Blaster
- Terrazzo Finishers

- Tile Finishers
- Marble Finishers
- Carpenter - Working Supervisor (License Major or General Contractor required)
- Carpenter - Common Laborer (License Major or General Contractor required)
- Carpenter - Rough & Finish (License Major or General Contractor required)
- Electrician - Working Supervisor (License E-1 required)
- Electrician - Journeyman (License E-2 required)
- Electrician - Apprentice (License E-1 or E-2 required)
- General Contractor (License Major or General Contractor required)
- Painter - Working Supervisor
- Painter – Journeyman
- Plumber - Supervisor (License P-1 required)
- Plumber - Journeyman (License P-2 required)
- Welding Services (License Major or General Contractor, not mandatory required)
- Welder - Working Supervisor
- Welder - Common Laborer

The term of the contract will be four years.

Our goal is to maximize the opportunity for qualified MBEs to participate in this contract. DAS is providing this notice so that companies that are qualified and interested in participating in the Trade Labor contract have time to go through the process required to become certified as MBEs. Any company that would like to participate is encouraged to consult the contact information for the DAS Supplier Diversity Office provided in this release.

It is critical that all companies seeking to be considered as a minority business enterprise have a current, valid MBE certification from DAS before they submit qualifications in response to the Trade Labor ITB.

How to Get MBE Certified

DAS encourages any qualified firm that is not yet certified with DAS as an MBE to apply as soon as possible for certification. You may do so by contacting the DAS Supplier Diversity Office at 860-713-5236, or by visiting the DAS website at http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=34

How to Sign Up for Email Notifications for New Contract Opportunities

DAS also strongly encourages all companies interested in contract opportunities with the State to sign up for "E-Alert" notifications. DAS posts all its contract opportunities on the State Contracting Portal. The State has an "E-Alert" system that sends daily emails to individuals and companies that subscribe to the system, announcing new procurement solicitations and addendums that have been posted on the State Contracting Portal. Therefore, if you sign up for the E-Alerts, you should receive an electronic notification, via email, when the ITB is posted seeking construction trades work. Sign up for E-Alerts by following the directions provided here: http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=161

Because email can be unreliable, please be sure that you also check the DAS website frequently, so that you have timely knowledge of any new advertisements that are posted.

How to Find Out More about the New DAS Contracts

Go to the DAS website www.das.ct.gov to find additional information about new opportunities for certified MBEs, including the new trade labor contract and other important links.

Should you have any questions regarding the contracting process, please contact Pamela Anderson at 860-713-5088. For questions regarding the MBE Certification process, please contact the Supplier Diversity office at 860-713-5236.