The Value in a Disparity Study

• Determines whether an agency, either in the past or currently, engages in exclusionary practices in the solicitation and award of contracts to minority, and women-owned business enterprises
JPB/SamTrans Disparity Study 2008

- Determined there was statistical and anecdotal evidence of discrimination in the JPB/SamTrans market in construction and professional service contracting
- No finding of discrimination by the JPB/SamTrans

New JPB/SamTrans Disparity Study

- Common practice is to update Disparity studies in 5-8 years
- DBE staff is exploring jointly procuring a new Disparity Study with VTA in the FY2016
Efforts to Increase the Pool of Available DBEs

Business Outreach Committee

• The JPB is a member of the Business Outreach Committee
• Other members include: AC Transit, Alameda CTC, BART, County Connection, GGBHTD, Marin Transit, MTC, SamTrans, SFMTA, SolTrans, TJPA, VTA, WETA, and WestCAT
• Publish a quarterly newsletter to DBEs
• Host quarterly events
“Meet the Primes”
This event is designed to bring prime contractors and DBEs together to discuss potential subcontracting and partnering opportunities.
• Next one scheduled for October, 2015

“Meet the Buyers”
This event is designed to provide DBEs with detailed information about upcoming projects and contracting opportunities.
• Next Meet the Buyers scheduled for March 25, 2015
“How to get Certified as a DBE”

This workshop provides the basics of how to become a certified DBE.

• Webinar tentatively scheduled to be held in May 2015

Bonding and Insurance Education

This workshop is typically a panel discussion on insurance and bonding issues affecting DBEs.

• Next presentation scheduled for July 2015
JPB Additional DBE Outreach

• JPB staff attended a DBE outreach event held by SFCTA on Feb. 5, 2015.
• Proposers on the PCEP will be required to participate in a DBE outreach event.
  - The next outreach for the electrification project is scheduled for March 18, 2015

JPB Additional DBE Assistance

• Implement SBE program March 2015
• On-going efforts to:
  - Adjust insurance and bonding requirements to make contracts more affordable to small businesses with limited financial capacity.
  - Unbundle contracts so that small businesses can compete for sub-contracting opportunities.
• Sponsor Joint Venture outreach events
Any Questions?