



# Disparity Study

Caltrain Board Meeting  
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Agenda Item #8



## 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

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## 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

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# 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

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## “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

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## “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

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## 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

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Any Questions?