

## New Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Working

With the introduction of the new PPP Direct Forgiveness Portal, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has streamlined application processes in order to recenter the user experience around small business owners – a priority of SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman. Today, a borrower of a participating lender can now complete most or all of a forgiveness application using a computer or, for the first time, their smartphone. On average, users are able to complete and submit their applications directly to the SBA in just six minutes, and most receive their forgiveness decisions within a week of submission.

Eligible interested borrowers can access the portal from the SBA website <https://directforgiveness.sba.gov>. Borrowers that need assistance with their forgiveness applications or have questions can contact the PPP customer service team by calling (877) 552-2692, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET. Borrowers whose loans are through banks that have chosen not to opt-in to the SBA's direct forgiveness portal must apply through their lender for forgiveness.

“We are committed to delivering against the promise of forgiveness for our eligible PPP borrowers. Our innovative direct forgiveness portal is helping our PPP borrowers get back to doing what they do best – creating jobs and powering our nation's economy,” said Guzman. “With over one million application submissions, our direct forgiveness portal has already given so many of our smallest businesses the ability to apply for forgiveness quickly and smoothly and move forward with their rebuilding and recovery. I encourage those eligible PPP borrowers who have yet to apply to visit [SBA.gov](https://SBA.gov) or contact their lender today.”

Since the portal's launch on August 4, the SBA has received applications for over \$17 billion of relief from more than one million of America's smallest businesses, furthering President Biden's commitment to equity across the U.S. government. In fewer than 45 days, 91 percent of all loans eligible for direct forgiveness in the 2020 PPP portfolio have been submitted, showcasing the SBA's efficiency in delivering relief to entrepreneurs who suffered during the height of the pandemic. Furthermore, the number of Direct Forgiveness participating lenders has more than doubled from 600 when the portal opened, to over 1,400 today.

In addition, significant progress has been made on the 2021 PPP Loans with 65 percent of all loans eligible for direct forgiveness already submitted. The SBA has also been able to streamline the process for those not eligible for direct forgiveness using the COVID Health score, which eliminates the need for overwhelming paperwork to be provided to lenders, and serve over 600,000 borrowers to date.

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# Upcoming Contract Opportunities

## Construction

Latest Information: [www.ebmud.com/business-center/construction-bids](http://www.ebmud.com/business-center/construction-bids)

Wastewater projects are identified by a Specification Number bearing an "SD" designation. These specifications are available from the Wastewater Department at 510-287-1754. Bid documents without the "SD" designation are available from the Specifications Section at 510-287-1040. *Bid documents are generally available at least 30 days before the estimated bid due date.*

### **Orinda Water Treatment Plant Disinfection and Chemical Systems Safety Improvements - Spec. 2139**

**\$180,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 10/13/21 • 510-287-1040**

Construct a new ultraviolet disinfection and chlorine contact basin facilities at the Orinda Water Treatment Plant.

### **Orinda, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plants - Carbonic Acid Storage and Feed Control Systems - Spec. 2137**

**\$8,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 11/17/21 • 510-287-1040**

Construct raw water treatment facilities to preserve Mokelumne Aqueducts Nos. 2 and 3 cement mortar lining. Install CO2 injection system installation and new lime system at Pardee and CO2 systems at three inline water treatment plants.

### **Oakland Inner Harbor Pipeline Crossing - Spec. 2155**

**\$22,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 11/17/21 • 510-287-1040**

Install 9,900 ft. of 24 in. and 30 in. diameter pipelines in Alameda and Oakland and 3,000 ft. of 30 in. diameter pipeline under the Oakland Inner Harbor.

### **Main Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) Power Generation Station Reliability Improvements Phase 3 - SD-413**

**\$6,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 11/23/21 • 510-287-1685**

Upgrade to the Power Generation Station at the MWWTP to include new heat exchangers, gas compressors, piping, electrical power and control system improvements, seismic upgrades, and other mechanical systems.

### **Briones Reservoir Tower Upgrade - Spec. 2174**

**\$6,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 12/1/21 • 510-287-1040**

Install 9,900 ft. of 24 in. and 30 in. diameter pipelines in Alameda and Oakland and 3,000 ft. of 30 in. diameter pipeline under the Oakland Inner Harbor.

### **Happy Valley and Sunnyside Pumping Plants and Pipelines - Spec. - 2120**

**\$10,300,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 12/15/21 • 510-287-1754**

Construct two new pumping plant facilities – Happy Valley Pumping Plant in Orinda and Sunnyside Pumping Plant in Lafayette, in addition to phase 2 of the Happy Valley Pipeline project.

### **Pardee Center and Recreation Area Water Treatment Improvements - Spec. 2165**

**\$500,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 12/29/21 • 510-287-1040**

Install a skid mounted system to match the existing capacity and fit within the existing treatment plant building including tie-ins with existing electrical, controls, and process flow instrumentation.

### **Mokelumne Aqueduct No. 2 Relining Phase 1 - Spec. 2176**

**\$5,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 2/23/22 510-287-1040**

Reline two miles of Mokelumne Aqueduct No. 2 with cement mortar.

### **Westside Pumping Plant (PP) Relocation, Encinal Regulator Installation, and Encinal Reservoir and Pumping Plant Demolition - Spec. 2168**

**\$8,769,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 2/23/22 510-287-1040**

Relocate Westside PP to the current existing Encinal PP location. Construct new Encinal regulator within new Westside PP building. Demolish Encinal PP and reservoir.

### **Lafayette Recreation Area Wastewater Collection System Improvements - Spec. 2166**

**\$1,500,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 2/23/22 510-287-1040**

Replace approximately 750 linear feet of small diameter gravity collection system and associated structure. Replace approximately 1,300 feet of small diameter force main and replace the sewer lift station.

## Materials and Supplies

Latest information: [www.ebmud.com/business-center/materials-and-supplies-bids/](http://www.ebmud.com/business-center/materials-and-supplies-bids/)

### **Chemical Toilet Rental and Service**

**\$300,000 • Estimated Bid Date: TBD • 510-287-0454**

Provide rental and service as needed for chemical toilets and rental sinks.

### **Steel Pipe for Stock**

**\$2,725,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 10/20/21 • 510-287-0644**

Manufacture, complete, and deliver mortal-lined and coated, cement-mortal-lined and fused polyethylene coated, electric-welded, steel pipe as needed.

### **Private Sewer Lateral Rehabilitation Project**

**\$250,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 11/1/21 • 510-287-7094**

Rehabilitate sewer laterals at various District properties.

### **Security System Equipment Maintenance**

**\$275,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 12/15/21 • 510-287-7094**

Perform testing and maintenance on security system equipment (card readers, security cameras, etc.)

## Professional and General Services

Latest information: [www.ebmud.com/business-center/requests-proposal-rfps/](http://www.ebmud.com/business-center/requests-proposal-rfps/)

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the projects listed are generally available at least 30 days before the estimated proposal due date.

### **Operations and Maintenance Electrical Engineering and Related Services**

**\$400,000 • Proposed Due Date: 10/15/21 • 510-287-1284**

Provide electrical engineering services for various projects.

### **Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Center Seismic Retrofit Project**

**\$1,100,000 • Proposed Due Date: 11/1/21 • 510-287-0214**

Perform seismic study in response to 8th five-year FERC Part 12D Safety Inspection Report to evaluate seismic stability on several components of Camanche Dam and Spillway.

### **Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Center Seismic Retrofit Project - Evaluation and Design - Spec. SD-436**

**\$1,500,000 • Proposed Due Date: 12/1/21 • 510-287-1106**

Perform engineering evaluation and design work, produce construction bid documents for seismic retrofit improvements, and provide engineering services during construction.

### **Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Center Seismic Retrofit Project - Independent Peer Review - Spec. SD-436**

**\$120,000 • Proposed Due Date: 12/1/21 • 510-287-1106**

Perform independent peer review of the engineering evaluation and design work for this seismic retrofit project to validate the design achieves desired seismic performance objectives.

### **Electrical Resiliency Master Plan**

**\$150,000 • Proposed Due Date: 1/1/22 • 510-287-1648**

Evaluate long-term needs of electrical systems for multiple facilities within the wastewater system. Develop a 10-year roadmap of improvements to strengthen resiliency with respect to power supply, reliability, and safety.

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# Upcoming Contract Opportunities

## October 2021

- 14-15 **National Association of Minority Contractors- NAMC National Conference and Awards Ceremony** [www.namcnational.org](http://www.namcnational.org) or 202-296-1600
- 14 **Alameda Public Works Agency - 2021 Construction Contractors' Academy, Session 1 - Basics of Bidding and Public Contracting**, [www.acpwa.org](http://www.acpwa.org) or 510-670-5480
- 21 **Alameda Public Works Agency - 2021 Construction Contractors' Academy, Session 2 - An Overview on Bid Preparation and Project Management** [www.acpwa.org](http://www.acpwa.org) or 510-670-5480
- 21 **Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce - 18th Annual Awards Luncheon**, [www.oaklandchamber.com](http://www.oaklandchamber.com) or 510-874-4800
- 28 **Alameda Public Works Agency - 2021 Construction Contractors' Academy, Session 3 - Resources for your business**, [www.acpwa.org](http://www.acpwa.org) or 510-670-5480

## November 2021

- 9-10 **Women Business Enterprises Canada - 2021 Virtual Annual Conference, Moving Forward Together** [www.wbeconference.ca](http://www.wbeconference.ca) or 416-646-6233

### On-Call Contracting Opportunities

EBMUD is seeking small local firms for small "on-call" type contracting opportunities. If you are interested in being considered for quick and fast turn-around small contracts in any of the following categories, please contact the Contract Equity Office at [contract.equity@ebmud.com](mailto:contract.equity@ebmud.com) or call 1-510-287-0114:

- Asphaltic Cement/Concrete Saw Cutting
- Concrete Repair Services
- Paving
- HVAC/R Maintenance & Repair

### EBMUD Water Bill Payment Assistance

- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) for low-income residential customers
- Payment extension or payment options for residential and commercial customers

For more info visit [www.ebmud.com/cap](http://www.ebmud.com/cap) or call 1-866-403-2683