

Governor Jerry Brown Signs Assembly Bill 92 to Extend Five Percent Retention

Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) No. 92, Chapter 37 on July 10, 2017. The bill amends Sections 7201 and 10261 of the Public Contract Code which extends the five percent retention cap on public works projects for an additional five years until January 1, 2023.

The industry sponsored legislation was introduced by Assembly Member Rob Bonta (District 18 – Oakland). The five percent (5%) retention cap is a significant provision for the construction industry and has a positive impact on small and emerging construction businesses. The provision also frees up capital for large public works contractors. (In addition, an awarding public entity can establish a higher retention based on “a finding prior to the bid that the project is substantially complex and requires a higher retention and includes both this finding and the actual retention amount in the bid documents.”)

Please visit the following website for the full text of AB No. 92: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - Enforcement of Silica Rule

The final rule on occupational exposure to crystalline silica in the construction industry, published on March 25, 2016, established a new permissible exposure limit and contained several other ancillary provisions. In order to provide the opportunity to conduct additional outreach to the regulated community and to provide additional time to train compliance officers enforcement was delayed until September 23, 2017 for the construction industry.

Key Provisions of Silica Rule

- Reduces the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for respirable crystalline silica to 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air, averaged over an 8-hour shift.
- Requires employers to:
 - use engineering controls (such as water or ventilation) to limit worker exposure to the PEL;
 - provide respirators when engineering controls cannot adequately limit exposure;
 - limit worker access to high exposure areas;
 - develop a written exposure control plan,
 - offer medical exams to highly exposed workers, and
 - train workers on silica risks and how to limit exposures.
- Provides flexibility to help employers—especially small businesses, to protect workers from crystalline silica exposure.

What is Respirable Crystalline Silica?

Crystalline silica is a common mineral found in many naturally occurring and man-made materials used at construction sites. Materials like sand, concrete, brick, block, stone and mortar contain crystalline silica. Amorphous silica, such as silica gel, is not crystalline silica.

Respirable crystalline silica—very small particles typically at least 100 times smaller than ordinary sand found on beaches or playgrounds—is generated by high-energy operations like cutting, sawing, grinding, drilling and crushing stone, rock, concrete, brick, block and mortar, or when abrasive blasting with sand.



Go to www.osha.gov/silica for additional information on OSHA's crystalline silica rule. OSHA has produced a Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction which is available at www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3902.pdf

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OSHA Services

OSHA offers free and confidential occupational safety and health services to small and medium-sized businesses in all states and several territories across the country, with priority given to high-hazard worksites through their on-site consulting services for small business. On-site consultations services are separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations. Consultants from state agencies or universities work with employers to identify workplace hazards, provide advice on compliance with OSHA standards, and assist in establishing and improving safety and health management systems.

To locate the OSHA On-site Consultation Program nearest you, visit www.osha.gov/dcsp/smallbusiness or call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742).

For more information on this and other health-related issues impacting workers, to report an emergency, fatality, inpatient hospitalization, or to file a confidential complaint, contact your nearest OSHA office, visit www.osha.gov, or call OSHA at 1-800-321-OSHA, TTY 1-877-889-5627.

Construction

Latest Information: www.ebmud.com/business-center/construction-bids

Wastewater-specific projects are identified by a Specification Number bearing an "SD" designation. These specifications are available from the Wastewater Engineering Division at 510-287-1754. Most other specifications can be obtained through the Specifications Section at 510-287-1040. Call about 30 days before the estimated bid date.

San Pablo Tunnel East Access Shaft Improvements - Spec. 2118

\$1,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 10/18/17 • (510) 287-1040

Install a concrete plug in the San Pablo Tunnel upstream of the east access shaft, as a mitigation measure against seismic failure of the Outlet Tower.

University Pumping Plant Replacement - Spec. 2116

\$3,100,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 11/15/17 • (510) 287-1040

Fully rehabilitate the pumping plant (PP) including mechanical and electrical systems and minor civil site work to the Encinal PP in Orinda and a full replacement of the University PP in Berkeley.

Grand Avenue Pipeline Replacement, Phase 2 - Spec. 2133

\$1,800,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 11/29/17 • (510) 287-1040

Install 1,200 feet of pipeline along Grand Avenue in Oakland and remove 5,800 feet of 24-inch pipeline from service and related required work.

Wildcat Pipeline Improvement - Berkeley - Spec. 2111

\$10,500,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 1/24/18 • (510) 287-1040

Install 8,200 feet of 48-inch steel pipe in the city streets of Berkeley.

98th Avenue, Oak, and Sequoia Rate Control Stations Rehabilitation - Spec. 2132

\$1,200,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 2/14/18 • (510) 287-1040

Demolish 98th Avenue Rate Control Station in Oakland and complete mechanical and electrical rehabilitation of Oak and Sequoia Rate Control Stations in Castro Valley and Oakland, respectively.

San Pablo Clearwell and Rate Control Station - Spec. 2125

\$13,300,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 2/14/18 • (510) 287-1040

Demolish the 5.4 million gallon, open-cut San Pablo Clearwell and construction of two partially buried, 2.7 million gallon concrete tanks. Replace the San Pablo Rate Control Station, and perform related pipeline, drainage, electrical service and landscaping improvements to the site.

Mokelumne Aqueducts Cathodic Protection Improvements - Spec. 2131

\$416,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 2/14/18 • (510) 287-1040

Design and construct improvements to the Mokelumne Aqueducts' existing cathodic protection systems at the Fairview Avenue, Longview Road, G Street, Franklin Avenue, Arnold Industrial Way and Monument Boulevard cathodic protection stations.

Golf Links Road and Ney Rate Control Stations Demolition and Church and Victoria Rate Control Stations Rehabilitation - Spec. 2124

\$2,600,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 2/28/18 • (510) 287-1040

Demolish Golf Links Road Rate Control Station (RCS) and Ney RCS. Rehabilitate Church RCS and Victoria RCS.

Professional and General Services

Latest information: www.ebmud.com/business-center/requests-proposal-rfps

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the projects listed may be obtained by calling the phone numbers listed approximately 30 days before the estimated proposal bid date.

Goat Grazing Vegetation

\$500,000 • Proposed Due Date: 10/19/17 • (510) 287-7094

Provide goat grazing services for District-owned facilities.

Adeline Maintenance Center Fleet Diesel Exhaust Upgrade

\$70,000 • Proposed Due Date: 10/26/17 • (510) 287-7094

Install a new shop exhaust system.

Bear Creek and/or Shutemann Photovoltaic (PV) Project

\$200,000 - \$500,000 • Proposed Due Date: 11/1/17 • (510) 287-1626

Design and support CEQA for one or two large (~5 megawatts each) PV projects.

Third Party Administrator (TPA) Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

Multi-year contract • Proposed Due Date: 1/15/18 • (510) 287-0380

Contract a TPA to provide a complete drug and alcohol testing program in compliance with Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.

Save the Date Economic Business Forum Monday, November 6, 2017

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For more information contact:

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\$9,466 - \$10,958 Monthly Salary Range,
plus Health and other Benefits

This Inventory Module lead will be responsible for implementing a new Enterprise Resource Plan (ERP) system. The ideal candidate will have working knowledge of inventory planning, scheduling, and coordinating the receiving, handling, storage, distribution, inventory control and disposal of materials, equipment and supplies used in a large public agency as well as experience on large size IT projects, system replacements or upgrades.

Supervisor of Purchasing (Limited Term)

\$10,446 - \$12,092 Monthly Salary Range,
plus Health and other Benefits

The ideal candidate will understand the full breadth of the centralized purchase function of a large public utility, including managing the specifications and proposals, as well as experience on large size IT projects, system replacement or upgrade.

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October 2017

- 17-19 Women Construction Owners & Executives, USA:** Leadership Summit, Building the Bridge for Women in Construction, San Francisco, CA www.coeusa.org or 800-788-3548
- 18 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission:** 2nd Annual Hetchy Regional Contractor Workshop, Moccasin, CA www.sfwater.org or 415-551-3000
- 19 Oakland African Chamber of Commerce Foundation:** 14th Annual Business Awards Luncheon, Oakland, CA www.aaacc.org or 510-268-1600
- 22-25 National Minority Supplier Development Council:** Annual Conference and Business Opportunity Exchange, Minority Supplier Development Fueling Economic Growth, Detroit, MI www.nmsdcconference.com or 212-944-2430

November 2017

- 2 Small Business Development Center, Contra Costa County:** Business Plan Essentials and Finance 101 – Building a Strong Financial Foundation, Pleasant Hill, CA www.contracostasbdc.org or 925-602-6806
- 3 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission:** 4th Annual Women in Construction Expo, San Francisco, CA www.sfwater.org or 415-551-3000
- 9 California Cable:** 7th Annual Supplier Diversity Fair, Fremont, CA events@tbakergroup.com or 510-413-3700
- 9 Port of Oakland: Breakfast of Champions presents:** The Future is Now, Oakland, CA www.oaklandboc.com or 510-627-1390
- 17 American Indian Chamber of Commerce:** Native American Heritage Month Luncheon & Warrior Awards Presentation, Anaheim, CA www.aicccal.org or 213-448-2330

December 2017

- 8 American Indian Chamber of Commerce:** Northern California Chapter's Annual Planning Meeting and Holiday Celebration, Santa Rosa, CA www.aicccal.org or 213-448-2330
- 12 Astra Women's Business Alliance:** Procurement Summit and Holiday Gala, San Francisco, CA www.astrawba.org or 503-941-9724
- 15 American Indian Chamber of Commerce:** Joint SoCal and San Diego Chapters' Annual Planning Meeting and Holiday Celebration, San Diego, CA www.aicccal.org or 213-448-2330

REGULAR MEETINGS

- Small Business Development Center, Contra Costa, Ongoing seminars/workshops; 925-602-6806; www.contracostasbdc.org
- San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, First Friday Coffee Connection; San Leandro, CA; 510-317-1400; www.sanleandrochamber.com
- National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), Mid California Chapter Meeting held every Wednesday, Black Contractors Association (BCA) & the San Diego Minority Construction Coalition; 888-418-1833; www.namcmidcal.com
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Contra Costa County, Networking Power Hour (Concord); Every second and fourth Wednesday; Power Hour CCC East Networking (Antioch); Every first and third Wednesday of the month, 415-572-3568; www.h5c.org