

New 14B.5 Ordinance Fact Sheet

The new ordinance implemented on April 8, 2013, allows SFPUC-LBEs eligibility to receive prime bid discounts and meet LBE subcontracting goals on all shared cost regional construction projects (repair and replacement and capital improvement projects) and nonshared cost projects located 70 miles beyond the San Francisco line.



Non Shared Cost Projects

Non-shared cost projects located 70 miles outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and County San Francisco, the awarding department will only apply the 10% bid discount to SFPUC-LBEs where application of the discount will not adversely impact the ranking of a bid submitted by any Micro-LBE, Small-LBE or SBA-LBE certified under Section 14B (i.e. if an LBE firm is the apparent low bidder the awarding department will not apply the 10% bid discount to the SFPUC-LBE).

A SFPUC-LBE will be eligible for LBE subcontracting goal for all non-shared cost projects located 70 miles outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of San Francisco.



Shared Cost Projects

Shared cost projects outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and County San Francisco, SFPUC-LBEs will be eligible for the 10% prime bid discount and also, can receive LBE participation credit towards the LBE subcontracting goal.

(Shared cost projects are regional WSIP, repair and replacement (R&R) and regional capital improvement program projects, with two-thirds of the cost paid for by the Bay Area Water Supply Conservation Agency, and one-third paid for by San Francisco ratepayers).

Background Created in September 2006, the SFPUC-LBE Program was instituted to allow disadvantaged small construction firms located outside of the City and County of San Francisco within the regional section of the Hetch Hetchy water service area opportunity to bid and compete for contracts under the \$4.6 Billion Water System Improvement Program. The WSIP is a shared cost capital improvement program, with two-thirds of the cost paid for by regional customers of the SFPUC, and one-third paid for by San Francisco ratepayers.

Under the WSIP certified small disadvantaged construction firms located outside of City and County of San Francisco in the Hetch Hetchy water service area can receive LBE prime contractor discounts and meet LBE subcontracting goals on regional WSIP construction projects. The SFPUC-LBE certification program applies only for public works/construction services, construction materials supplies, construction equipment rental, and/or trucking.

