Diversity and inclusive contracting
SR 520 quarterly progress report: October-December 2015

Quarter highlights

Assisting DBEs and small businesses to obtain approved audited rates
Resources for meeting key contracting requirements such as obtaining audited rates and Industrial Classification System (ICS) codes are available from the WSDOT Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) and state Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises (OMWBE).

More information on ICS codes is available online at www.census.gov/eos/www/naics.

Upcoming events

2016 Regional Contracting Forum

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle, Wash.
Description: Government agencies come together with contractors, consultants, and suppliers to network and share information on contracting opportunities.

WSDOT Secretary Lynn Peterson welcomes participants to the WSDOT Connecting Washington open house in Bellevue, Wash. and shares key agency goals and initiatives.

On Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, WSDOT hosted an open house event for more than 400 consultants, contractors and subcontractors to learn about upcoming opportunities with WSDOT related to the Connecting Washington funding package passed in 2015. Attendees all received information about WSDOT’s plan for the next six years and had a chance to network with agency staff and other members of the contracting and consulting community. Secretary Lynn Peterson provided welcoming remarks and shared key agency goals and initiatives.

The SR 520 Program table included key staff members from the SR 520 team, who shared information about the Rest of the West project elements in Seattle, which will be built in phases.

If you are interested in the information provided at the event, please visit the website at the following link: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Funding/CWA/OpenHouse.htm

WSDOT staff spotlight

Dennis Worrell works in the DBE Support Services Program. It’s his job in the Long Term Business Development Program to work with small disadvantaged business owners.

He joined WSDOT’s Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) in August 2015, bringing more than 20 years of private-sector experience in marketing, management, construction, and sales. Dennis provides the technical assistance you may need to help your business thrive.

If you are interested in technical assistance with your business plan or want to know how to do business with WSDOT, give Dennis a call at 360-705-7088 or email him at WorrelD@wsdot.wa.gov

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/equalopportunity
### DBE spotlight: Hermi Bella

- **Firm name:** CADD TECH, LLC
- **Position on SR520 Project (GEC):** Draftsman
- **Based in:** Seattle, WA
- **Founded:** 2014 by Herminigildo Bella
- **Key areas of expertise:** Drafting, surveying, civil engineering, and construction management.
- **SR 520 staff member:** Herminigildo Bella
- **Started work on SR 520:** December 2015
- **Bio:** Hermi came to Seattle from the Philippines in 1997. The Philippine government sent him for overseas work as a surveyor and civil engineer in construction management. Among other places, he has worked in Somalia, Guam, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. Once in the U.S., he went to school for drafting. His 20 years of experience working in the Philippines prepared him to excel and to open his own business. Hermi worked on SR 520 years ago and in 2011, his company laid him off. Now, he does the same work—but he’s the boss.
- **Quote:** “The keys to my success are my background, my experience, and my faith.”

### SR 520 results by category

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### Additional resources

- **Office of Minority & Women’s Business Enterprises (OMWBE)**
  Teresa Berntsen, Interim Director, (360) 664-9767, teresab@omwbe.wa.gov
- **WSDOT Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO)**
  Earl Key, Director, (360) 705-7095 or (360) 705-7091, KeyE@wsdot.wa.gov
- **WSDOT Consultant Services Office (CSO)**
  Erik K. Jonson, Contract Services Manager, (360) 705-7106, (360) 239-9441 (cell) jonsone@wsdot.wa.gov
- **USDOT Small Business Transportation Resource Center**
  Lily Keeffe, Project Director, (206) 718-7250, llyk@economicalliancesc.org
- **Washington State Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)**
  Tiffany Scroggs, Program Director, (360) 754-6320, tsroggs@thurstonedc.com

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