

California Construction Contracting Program

Small business construction contractors wanting to do business with the City of Escondido, Caltrans, and other agencies receiving federal transportation funds are encouraged to take advantage of a program implemented by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The **California Construction Contracting Program** (CCCP) offers free construction-related business management training, counseling, and resources designed to increase the success of small businesses participating in Federal-aid highway projects and other transportation related contracts.

In an effort to increase contracting opportunities for California's small businesses, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to help California small businesses bid on construction projects. The Bonding Assistance Initiative helps qualified small businesses access bond guarantees –which are required on Caltrans construction contracts and are currently difficult for small businesses to attain.

The SBA helps eligible small businesses obtain the surety and performance bonds needed to work on state highway projects through its Surety Bond Guarantee Program, a public-private partnership between the federal government and the bond-issuing surety industry.

Caltrans, through its Office of Business and Economic Opportunity, will work in conjunction with the SBA to provide free education and technical assistance statewide through Caltrans and SBA district offices. See links below for further information:

- [Caltrans Small Business Development Centers](#)
- [Caltrans/SBA Bonding Assistance Initiative](#)