

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES PROJECT UPDATE



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In August, the Small Business Administration (SBA) received an update from the Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA) and its fair contracting program. The SBA and TRVA work together to alert small businesses about the upcoming contracting opportunities. It's important local small businesses ensure they have received their certification from SBA because TRVA's federal sponsor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is estimated to let \$411 million worth of construction contracts. Some of those USACE contracts will be set aside for SBA certified businesses. USACE contracts are anticipated to include excavation and the construction of flood infrastructure such as flood gates, dams, pump stations, flood walls and more.

USACE has awarded contracts totalling \$57,362,480 with \$32,826,247 awarded to SBA certified businesses

What is the SBA?

The Small Business Administration's Office of Government Contracting & Business Development works with federal agencies, which includes USACE, to award at least 23% of all prime government contract dollars to small businesses and help federal agencies meet specific statutory goals.

Certification types include:

- ◆ 8(a)
- ◆ HubZONE - Historically Underutilized Business Zone
- ◆ WOSB - Woman Owned Small Business
- ◆ SDVOSB - Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business

In addition, SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program assists eligible socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in developing and growing their businesses through one-on-one counseling, training workshops, matchmaking opportunities with federal buyers and other management and technical guidance.

In order to do business with the Federal Government you must be registered in the System Award Management (SAM). For more information on how to be a vendor with USACE or any other federal agency, visit www.sam.gov. You can learn more about getting your SBA certification by visiting www.sba.gov. TRVA holds an annual Federal Certification and SAM Registration Workshop, please keep an eye on the event calendar, we will announce the event date soon.

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT G.L. MORRIS, DBA SUNBELT INDUSTRIES

G.L. Morris Enterprises, dba Sunbelt Industrial Services is an environmental contractor that originally began working for Trinity River Vision Authority in 2008 as a subcontractor for several prime contractors. Sunbelt has now been awarded three TRVA projects for which it is, or has been, the prime.

Sunbelt's first TRVA project as prime, was a property in bypass channel segment B. Sunbelt excavated, treated and transported over 40,000 yards of contaminated soil and pumped, treated and discharged over 17,000,000 gallons of contaminated water.

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"It is only with the help of clients like TRVA and its prime contractors that Sunbelt has been able to achieve the growth necessary to operate as a prime on these larger projects. It is an exciting privilege to be a part of the work that Trinity River Vision Authority is doing in the community."

— Marla Murphy, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce
24th Annual Women's Business Conference**
November 11, 2016 – www.fwmbcc.org

**Women's Business Council Southwest – Power to
Potential**
November 8, 2016 – www.wbcsouthwest.org

COMING SOON! 2017 PRIMAVERA TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE.

These classes are important as they teach the fundamentals of a software tool that entities like the City of Fort Worth, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, TRVA, D/FW International Airport and TRWD use for everyday business.

Check out www.trinityrivervision.org/contracting for upcoming schedule

UPCOMING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Demolition and Asbestos Abatement
Spring/Summer 2017

Environmental Remediation
Spring/Summer 2017

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT - G.L. MORRIS, DBA SUNBELT INDUSTRIES

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The second project was excavation, treating and transporting over 5,000 yards of contaminated soil for Parcel D.

Sunbelt is currently working on a property in the bypass channel segment B. It is anticipated that over 90,000 yards of contaminated soil will be excavated, treated and transported. An estimated 6,000,000 gallons of water is expected to be pumped, treated and discharged.

Sunbelt Industrial Services is a woman-owned corporation that has been in business since 1988, and has offices in Fort Worth and Carrollton. Sunbelt's services include excavation and remediation services, environmental drilling, waste transportation and disposal services, environmental field services and UST removals.



RIVERSIDE PARK



Construction is underway in Riverside Park! This work is part of the Trinity River Vision's "River Connect Plan" that will provide enhanced flood protection throughout Fort Worth. The River Connect Plan was adopted in 2010 as the master plan for Riverside Park. Decatur Construction is the prime contractor on the project and they are a Service

Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

In this phase, approximately 225,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated and removed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The work is expected to last through September of 2017.



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MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700, go to www.trinityrivervision.org, or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.

LET'S US KNOW

We want to provide information that is useful and valuable to you. What topics relating to contracting are you interested in reading or learning more about? Send us an email and let us know. We'd like to hear from you!

Contact Stacy Beeson at stacy.beeson@trinityrivervision.org with your suggestions.

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