

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Aqua Metric

Seeking Disadvantaged, Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises Interested in Subcontracting on the San Dieguito Water District AMI Program

Thirkettle Corporation dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company (Aqua-Metric) is seeking certified Disadvantaged, Minority and Women Business Enterprise firms to subcontract with us for the San Dieguito Water District Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program. The project encompasses installation and setup of a fixed-based meter reading system with water meter exchange services.

Aqua-Metric seeks to subcontract a portion of the project to qualified firms experienced and capable of providing the following services: Water Meter Replacement; Radio (transmitter) Installation, Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Removal, Residential side plumbing repair, Printing/Mailing of Notification Post Cards and Door Hangers, Small Area Concrete & Asphalt Repair; Provision of Secure Mobile Storage Containers, Recycling of Lithium Batteries, Installation of AMI Data Collectors, Including Possible Tower Construction.

Qualified firms may respond to any of the requested services within their capabilities. Firms will need to provide proof of certification and be listed with the SBA, DOT, or CUCP. Contact Lanny Newville at (210) 967-6300 or by email at procurements@aqua-metric.com, no later than 4:30PM Friday, March 7, 2025.

Bid Documents are available at: <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/29744/portal-home>

Aqua-Metric will provide an itemized quote request to interested parties. Submission of pricing does not guarantee award or partnership.

LEGAL NOTICES

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Euzelia Cooper Griffith

Case Number:
25PE000380C

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both, of **Euzelia Cooper Griffith**

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by **Nell Griffith Forge** in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Petition for Probate requests that Nell Griffith Forge be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, **the personal representative will be required to give notice** to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**

March 18, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in Department 504 located at the Superior Court of California County of San Diego 1100 Union St. San Diego, CA 92101 Central -Probate Division

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a **REQUEST FOR SPECIAL NOTICE** (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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BUSINESS NEWS



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U.S. Rep. Lateefah Simon Introduces First Bill in Congress

By Bo Tefu

California Black Media

U.S. Rep. Lateefah Simon (D-CA-12) introduced her first bill in Congress last week.

“The Assisting Small Businesses Not Fraudsters Act,” aims to reduce fraud in government aid programs for small businesses. The bipartisan legislation, co-sponsored by Small Business Committee Chair Roger Williams (R-TX-25), seeks to ensure that only eligible small businesses benefit from federal financial support.

The bill amends the Small Business Act to bar individuals and entities convicted of financial fraud -- or making false statements related to grants -- from receiving non-disaster-related financial assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA). This includes grants and contracts intended to support small businesses, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Simon addressed growing concern over fraud in the SBA's pandemic relief programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) as she emphasized the bill's importance.

“While small businesses faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, some exploited vital resources meant for struggling businesses,” said Simon.

“My bill ensures that those who have exploited the system will not be able to take advantage of future opportunities,” she added.

The bill is part of Simon's broader effort to provide long-term support to small businesses across her district, which includes Oakland and other parts of Alameda County.

ARTICLE CONTINUATION

GARVEY:

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In these times, as schools heed the call to eliminate DEI and Black history, Black educators and cultural creators need to devise alternative ways to inform the folk about the diasporic and African heritage. “Back to Africa” practically should mean a renewed emphasis on learning about the history and current affairs of the continent, travel as tourists, buy imported products, and support favorable trade, investment, and immigration policies.

To established leaders, Garvey's ornate uniform and grandiose ambitions were dismissed as preposterous. What critics failed to appreciate was how he modeled the garb of the victorious 18th-century revolutionary leaders of Haiti. He adapted the military uniform of Jean Jacques Dessalines — the first leader of an independent Black republic — to create a spectacle of sovereignty. And when UNIA anointed Garvey as the “Provincial President of Africa,” it was no more audacious than when the Belgium King Leopold II claimed to be the founder and owner of the Congo!

Marcus Mosiah Garvey was born in Jamaica in 1887, then still under British rule. He left Jamaica in 1910 to work on the British-owned plantations and in London. According to the “Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey,” he was appalled at the abuse of Black workers, wondering, “Where is the Black man's government? Where are his men of big affairs? I could not find them, and I will help to make them.”

He was inspired by Booker T. Washington's memoir “Up from Slavery,” his development of a program of industrial education at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and support of Black towns and businesses through the National Negro Business League. Garvey hoped to start a similar school in Jamaica and established UNIA as the management arm. He was invited to visit Tuskegee but Washington passed away a few months before Garvey arrived in America.

During the trip, Garvey toured 38 states and was disenchanted with the racial conditions — but found the folk receptive to appeals for collective action. He opened a UNIA chapter in Harlem as urban migration fostered a cosmopolitan community, then expanded to 30 other cities.

In 1920, he hosted an international conference that drew 25,000 members to Madison Square Garden and issued the poignant “Declaration of Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World.” It demanded independence for Africa from European and Arab colonization and justice for Blacks of the diaspora. UNIA influenced the development of the African Orthodox Church, founded in 1921 to promote the reverence of Black deities.

During an earlier period of reactionary politics in America, Garvey created a movement that enabled Black people to be proud of their cultural heritage, engage in meaningful cooperative economics and embrace a common destiny for “Mother Africa.” As American institutions regress on equality under the Trump Administration, Garvey's vision should be adapted to serve the needs of the diverse Black community today.

Roger House is professor emeritus of American Studies at Emerson College.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **San Diego Community College District** of San Diego County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the DISTRICT, will receive up to, but not later than **Thursday the 27th day of March 2025** electronic bids for the award of a contract for:

SDCCD ECC THEATRE RENOVATION – 2425231-HH

Project(s) Information:

- Contract Number: **2425231-HH**
- Project Name: ECC Theatre Renovation
- Overall Project Estimate: is between \$35M and \$40M
- Contract Type: Multi-Prime Contract
- Schedule: The anticipated schedule is 18 MO, NTP in May 2025 with a construction start June 2025.
- Project Description: The scope of work is the renovation of the ECC Theatre at the SDCCD Education Cultural Complex. This work will include revitalization of the existing Theatre and surrounding support areas. As well as building expansions for BOH and educational areas. Surrounding utilities and site works. Work will be taking place on and in the operational campus.

MANDATORY BID JOB WALK: **March 4, 2025 at 8:00am and March 7, 2025 at 9:00 am.** Meet at the North Side Theatre Building Entry, 4343 Ocean View Blvd. San Diego, CA 92113. Attending (1) **one** of these site walks is mandatory and should a bidder not attend, they will not be allowed to bid as it is a material requirement of the contract. The meeting will begin with a general project overview, followed by a site walk of the site(s).

BID DUE DATE & TIME: **March 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** at PlanetBids <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/57760/portal-home>

PROJECT CONTACT: Anthony Le, Estimator, 858-657-3400, Ale@pcl.com

RFI DEADLINE: Submit RFI's via PlanetBids Project Portal: <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/57760/portal-home> no later than **March 14, 2025, 5:00 p.m.** Final addendum, including RFI responses will be issued on **March 21, 2025.**

COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT (CBA): Please note that Work Category Contracts over \$1M for this project are subject to the CBA. The complete agreement is available at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3n58b9>. The successful Contractors will be required to execute a CBA Letter of Assent (LOA), whereby subcontractors agree to conform to all terms and conditions set forth in the CBA.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Each bid shall be in accordance with all terms, conditions, plans, specifications, and any other documents that comprise the bid documents. The DSA approved plans and specifications, appendices, and forms will be posted and maintained through PlanetBids <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/57760/portal-home>.

SENATE BILL (SB) 854 REQUIREMENTS: Effective July 1, 2014, no general contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal or awarded a contract for a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5 with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code §1771.1(a). This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR. Refer to dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html.

PREVAILING WAGES:

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder. Refer to www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/dpewagedetermination.htm.

CONTRACTOR DISTRICT PREQUALIFICATION: As a condition of bidding and in accordance with the provisions of Section 20651.5 of the California Public Code and Section 20101 of the California Local Agency Public Construction Act, the District is requiring prequalification of all contractors wishing to submit bids over the amount of \$220,000.00 on the project. Bids will not be accepted if a contractor has not been prequalified and his bidding amount is over the threshold of \$220,000. **Prequalifications are due to the District by March 18, 2025.** All Contractors need to register on PlanetBids under the Vendor Registration section <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/57760/portal-home>. In addition to registering on PlanetBids, you will also need to fill out a supplemental prequalification packet. <https://www.sdccd.edu/departments/operations/Bid-and-Contract-Opportunities.aspx> Click on Contractor Prequalification section and choose from one of two packets. \$220,000 to \$999,999 is not subject to the CBA, \$1,000,000 and up is subject to the CBA.

BID BONDS: Each bid shall be accompanied by the security referred to in the contract documents, the non-collusion affidavit, the list of proposed subcontractors, and all additional documentation required by the Instructions to Bidders.

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS: In contracts involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, the successful bidder shall file a payment and performance bond issued by an admitted Surety approved to conduct business in the State of California approved by the District in the form set forth in the contract documents.

WORK CATEGORIES: This project is being bid as “Work Categories” per contract number. The bidder must self-perform a minimum of 15% of each bid package that is being bid. If a bidder is interested in bidding multiple bid packages, the bidder must submit individual bids for each bid package. Bidders may demonstrate economy of scale savings on their proposal forms by bidding multiple bid packages. However, bidders may NOT combine multiple bid packages into a single submission. All bids will be reviewed and evaluated for completeness of scope coverage. Contracts shall be awarded, if awarded at all, by the District on the basis of lowest bid. The District defines lowest bid as the lowest responsive, responsible bid for a single bid package or the summation of the lowest value of multiple bid packages.

WORK CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS. It is required that bidders possess any of the following classification(s) of California State Contractors License(s) (or other appropriate license, subject to District approval), valid and in good standing, at the time of bid opening and contract award.

ECC THEATRE RENOVATION – 2425231-HH			
WC No.	Trade Scope Description	WC No.	Trade Scope Description
01A	SURVEY	09D	FLOORING
01B	MOVING	09F	PAINTING
01C	CONSTRUCTION CLEANING	09G	TERRAZZO
02A	DEMOLITION & ABATEMENT	10A	SIGNAGE
03A	CIP CONCRETE & REBAR	11A	THEATRE & STAGE EQUIPMENT
04A	MASONRY	12A	WINDOW TREATMENT
05A	STEEL & MISC METAL	14A	PLATFORM LIFT
06A	ARCH WOODWORK	21A	FIRE PROTECTION
07A	ROOFING & WATERPROOFING, SHEETMETAL & FLASHING	22A	PLUMBING & HVAC
08A	DOORS/FRAMES/HARDWARE	26A	ELECTRICAL, LOW VOLTAGE, FIRE ALARM, COMM
08B	OVERHEAD DOORS	31A	SITE CLEARANCE & GRADING
08C	GLASS & GLAZING	31B	EROSION CONTROL
08D	FIRE DOORS	32A	ASPHALT PAVING
09A	GENERAL BLDG TRADES: ROUGH CARPENTRY, INSULATION, FRAMING, DRYWALL, PLASTER, SPECIALTIES, ART FURNISHINGS	32B	CONCRETE PAVING
09B	TILE	32D	LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION
09C	ACOUSTICAL CEILING & PANELS	33A	UTILITIES

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Kellie Silva
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San Diego Community College

**Remember to check your filing date
you have 45 days from your filing date to publish your FBN
Email us at: ads@sdvoice.info**

Celebrating Black History Month

“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”

Nelson Mandela