



Connecting BART to the Small Contractor Community

## Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

### Small Business Bonding Assistance Program

The Small Business Bonding Assistance Program (SBBAP) is designed to help small local contractors to obtain bid, payment, and performance bonds and/or increase their bonding capacity for work on BART contracts.

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#### Enrollment Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the SBBAP you must be a BART contractor and eligible to participate in one of the following certifications:

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MWBE)
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE)
- Micro Small Business Entity (MSBE)

#### Costs

All services provided to qualified contractors by SBBAP are free of charge.

#### Bonding Assistance - Including Guarantees

- SBBAP guarantees of up to 40% of bond amount of \$750,000, whichever is less, may be available for qualified contractors.
- SBBAP collateral will support bid, performance and payment bonds that guarantee completion of contracts for builders, service contractors and suppliers.
- Third Party Funds Administration is a service that helps our contractors to manage contract disbursements and strengthens the company's overall performance during the project.

#### Technical Assistance

- One-on-one meetings with contractors to complete a business assessment with the objective of determining bonding capacity.
- Identification of barriers that might preclude a contractor from obtaining bonding and determine steps to overcome those barriers.
- Referrals to program partners (CPAs, banks, brokers, surety companies, etc.).
- Assistance to contractors in obtaining a bond or increasing bond capacity.

#### Workshop And Seminars

SBBAP workshops and seminars are designed to provide educational tools needed by contractors to deal with day-to-day business challenges they may encounter.