

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES MEET THE TEAM



Javieree PruittHill

SBSS Program Director

Javieree PruittHill is an impactful social responsibility professional, experienced in developing and executing company and programmatic initiatives that drive data-driven results positively impacting program outcomes. Javieree works with BART's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) where he is an executive within the Agreement Compliance Unit. He also oversees the daily operations of the Small Business Support Services (SBSS) Program and has extensive experience in managing large scale public-sector procurement programs, innovative community engagement initiatives, and leadership training and development programs.

- Program Management
- BART Procurement
- OCR Liaison



Leamon J. Abrams

SBSS Program Manager

Leamon has over thirty years of private and public-sector experience working in small business and workforce development, strategic communications, and public policy. Leamon has led the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Economic Development where he administered the Office of Small Business. Leamon has worked with the project managers to refine scope of services, help small businesses to develop staffing plans, provided technical assistance, developed policies and procedures, and conducted compliance oversight. He the Project Manager for the BART Small Business Support Services Program.

- Communications
- Marketing
- Business Networking and Matchmaking



Paul Pendergast

SBSS Pre-Award Program Manager

Paul Pendergast has nearly three decades of experience in developing award-winning Small Business Participation Programs for multi-billion-dollar transportation, infrastructure and large-scale real estate development programs. Having worked with thousands of small, minority, women, Disabled Veteran and LGBT businesses across the Bay Area, California and the United States, Paul is committed to providing forward-thinking programs that truly 'move the dial' for businesses.

- Project Management
- Strategic Communications Development
- Connection & Engagement Strategies



Harry Overstreet II

SBSS Post-Award Program Manager

Harry Overstreet II is a veteran small business assistance provider with extensive experience at BART having been a leader on the BART Earthquake Safety Program's Small Business Support services (2010-2014). Harry has worked with numerous BART managers in numerous departments on a variety of projects all with the goal of helping small businesses secure and successfully perform BART contracts. Harry is our day to day point of contact for SBSS Post Award services.



LaVerda O. Allen

Senior Strategist and Business Advisor

Ms. LaVerda Allen has more than 40 years of experience in the engineering-construction industry, and is considered a leader in the development of minority-, woman-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprise (M/W/DBE) programs. She co-authored the country's first Affirmative Action program that called for minority participation by craft; served on the San Francisco Human Rights Advisory Committee, was instrumental in the passage of the San Francisco Minority and Woman Owned Business ordinance in 1988; and was a co-founder of the National Association of Minority Contractors. In 1989, LaVerda established The Allen Group, LLC, a project and construction management firm and has grown the small firm to where it plays a role as a prime contractor on numerous large-scale, complex Bay Area infrastructure projects.

- Business Strategy & Planning
- Engineering & Construction Industry Expertise
- Marketing and Networking



Lara Brecher

Project Management and Financial Services Trainer

Lara Brecher has over twelve years of experience in the realm of financial counseling, marketing, and business development. She acts as the SBSS program administrator, assisting participating businesses with technical assistance scheduling and follow up, marketing and business development strategies, partner relations, and Customer Relationship Management Software Program operations.

- Project Management
- Finance/Access to Capital
- Customer Relationship Management Programs



Jeffrey Cooper

Technical Assistance Specialist

Jeffrey Cooper has 30 years extensive experience in program and construction management, particularly in the areas of CPM scheduling, cost control, document control, contract administration, site logistics, construction phasing, delay analysis, and claims avoidance and mitigation. He has a strong background in heavy civil, airport, water/wastewater, industrial, hospital, and transportation projects.

- Construction Management
- Contract Management
- Risk Mitigation



Karwanna Dyson

Technical Assistance Specialist

Karwanna Dyson started Big Mouth Productions to provide video, photography, website, and digital technology services and has expertise working with construction prime and subcontractors, particularly in marketing and promotions for small business owners.

- Videography
- Photography
- Online Learning



Cameryn Erickson

Technical Assistance Specialist

Cameryn has 16 years of management experience. She has managed contractor budgets and relationships from initial bid to completion of work. Her experience includes supervision of the project controls team on the T1C Renovation Project which covers cost estimating, cost control and scheduling.

- Project Administration
- Project Budgeting
- Project Scheduling



Dwayne Hannah

Technical Assistance Specialist

Dwayne Hannah, CPA has over 30 years of documented success and senior-level experience delivering business management, strategic analysis, finance, and business development services to management, chief executives, and boards of directors.

- Accounting
- Business Management
- Business Planning



Martin Lee, P.E.

Technical Assistance Specialist

Martin Lee is a professional civil engineer (PE), chartered quantity surveyor (CQS), and certified professional estimator (CPE) by ASPE with 30 years of practical experience in construction cost management and consulting services in the San Francisco Bay Area.

- Cost Estimating
- Scope Review



Melinda Lee

Presentation and Communication Skills Trainer

Melinda Lee has over a decade of experience in leadership coaching specifically in the areas of presentations skills, storytelling for influence, and negotiations. Melinda holds an M.A. in Organizational Psychology and is Certified in Conflict Resolution. She has successfully worked with professionals and teams from the United States Navy, Army Corp of Engineers, AECOM, Apple, Facebook, Oracle, Microsoft, and more.

- Presentation Skills Training
- Strategic Communications
- Matchmaking



Curtis Lindskog

Business Development

Curtis Lindskog brings over 40 years of business development expertise to the SBSS Program. Curtis chaired the Caltrans Calmentor Program (award-winning Mentor/Protégé Program) for a total of 6 years in both the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Valley. Mr. Lindskog has managed small business participation programs on the Presidio Parkway Project, Transbay Transit Center, California High Speed Rail and Yerba Buena/Treasure Island Projects.

- Contract/Opportunity Detection
- Database Development
- Statement of Qualifications Analysis



Dominic Lloyd

Graphic Designer

Dominic Lloyd has over 20 years experience in building and growing brands, creating corporate websites, and developing online and offline marketing strategies. He has worked with a range of organizations across the Bay Area and throughout California.

- Marketing Materials Design
- Branding/Style Guidelines
- Website Development



Olubenga "Benga" Olayomi

Technical Assistance Specialist

Olubenga "Benga" Olayomi has over 27 years of experience working on major construction projects for both the public and private sectors. He is knowledgeable in building processes and architectural engineering standards, and their relationship to acceptable construction practices.

- Project management
- Scheduling
- BART Project Management



Luis Paez

Senior Resident Engineer and Construction Manager

Mr. Luis Paez has over 30 years of experience leading major construction projects as senior Resident Engineer (RE) and construction manager in both the public and private sectors, particularly in transportation. His expertise includes design review, bid document preparation and review, bid-ability/constructability review, processing of shop drawings, contract administration, processing of submittals and clarification requests, change order review, evaluation, estimating and negotiation, progress payment review, schedule review and monitoring, claims mitigation, quality assurance and project inspection.

- Construction Management
- BART Submittals
- Project Controls



Christopher Pendergast

Social Media and Lead Generation

Chris Pendergast is the social media and lead generation expert for the SBSS program. He helps small businesses create their qualifications profiles that showcase their services, professional skills, and recent projects. From there, he builds up their marketing and social media networks by finding the ideal prospects to grow their business, reaches out to them to start and engage in conversations, and then takes their contact information and develops their prospecting database.

- Qualifications Profile Development
- Social Media Content Development
- Data Acquisition



Ismael Pugeda

Technical Assistance Specialist

Ismael Pugeda has twenty-seven years of experience in construction in cost/schedule development and analysis, cost control, field engineering, and contract administration. His experience includes program and construction management assignments.

- Project Management
- Scheduling
- Change Orders



Michael Reyes

Construction Management, Contract Analysis and Procurement Trainer

Michael Reyes has over 2 decades of combined experience in construction management and architecture, together with experience in surety, bonding, and financial underwriting. From large-scale multi-million-dollar projects and cutting-edge technical strategies from the tech industry, high standards, and a professional track record hallmark reputation of service to small business programs in the Bay Area. His responsibility and focus is to support and carry out the procurement training and contract analysis for the SBSS program offering an efficient, complete experience to each entity he engages with.

- Contract Analysis/Opportunity Detection
- Construction Management
- BART Procurement Portal Navigation



Peter Ross

Technical Assistance Specialist

Peter Ross has 25 years of experience in project and construction management overseeing the design and construction of projects throughout the Bay Area for both public and private sector clients. He also has experience on water, power, buildings and telecommunication projects.

- Project Management
- Scheduling
- Change Orders

Mohamed Taleb

B A R T Technical Assistance Specialist

Mohammed has over 27 years of considerable regional and international experience in Contract Administration, Business Development and Construction/Project Management. He has successfully held many positions in which he provided leadership, focus, fiscal transparency and safety cognizance to field and office construction staff. Throughout his career, Mohamed maintained close working relations with clients, contractors, design professionals, vendors and stakeholders to ensure project cost, schedule and quality requirements are maintained on all construction related activities. His areas of responsibility have included review and inspection of plans, and calculations for detailed construction sequences.

- Construction Management
- BART Submittals
- BART Project Management

Liz Wiecha, P.E.

Technical Assistance Specialist

Liz Wiecha has more than 28 years of transportation engineering and business management experience. She has been principal engineer on many large and complex projects including the Silicon Valley BART Berryessa Extension and has a depth of experience and technical knowledge, along with great skills in project delivery.

- Project Management
- Scheduling
- BART Project Management



