

Paths to Partnerships Partnering Agencies

SCOOP

The Water Authority's Small Contractor Outreach and Opportunities Program (SCOOP) is designed to maximize the participation of small businesses on Water Authority contracts and procurements. The SCOOP outreach approach is to incorporate activities focused on networking, training, and technical assistance to increase small business bidders and contractors on Water Authority projects.



State of California Department of General Services

The State of California Department of General Services serves as business manager for the State of California, with more than 4,000 employees and a budget in excess of one billion dollars. The DGS contracts out more than \$9 billion every year to small businesses. It helps to better serve the public by providing a variety of services to state agencies through innovative procurement and acquisition solutions, creative real estate management and design, state-of-the-art telecommunications, environmentally friendly transportation, and funding for the construction of safe schools. State agencies are also encouraged to buy from certified Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, whenever possible.

Public Agency Consortium

PAC is a partnership of San Diego regional public agencies focused on increasing both the bidding opportunities and likelihood of success of small businesses on public agency contracts. The partnership includes the following public agencies: San Diego County Water Authority, Unified Port of San Diego, San Diego International Airport, Centre City Development Corporation, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego Contracting Opportunities Center and the San Diego Unified School District. Members of PAC meet to plan events, collaborate on outreach and improve the reliability of outreach resources.

Regional Construction Procurement Committee

The Regional Construction Procurement Committee is a consortium comprised of engineering and construction representatives from public agencies in the San Diego region. The RCPC collaborates on streamlining processes, coordinating schedules, and focusing on shared information that may improve bidding and design issues for public works. Participants include: Caltrans, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, Grossmont Union High School District, Metropolitan Transit System, NAVFAC, Otay Water District, Poway Unified School District, San Diego Community College District, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, San Diego County Water Authority, San Diego State University, SANDAG, San Diego Unified School District, San Marcos State University, Sweetwater Union High School District, UCSD, and the Unified Port of San Diego.