



## DBE News & Events

February 28, 2018

### ADOT Engineers Improve Way to Prepare for Highway Projects

#### Agency succeeds in saving time to start technical design work

With approximately 150 state highway construction projects scheduled to start in any given year, Arizona Department of Transportation engineers constantly look for ways to save time and money in designing and building these much-needed improvements.

Over the past two years, this focus has had ADOT engineers teaming with engineering colleagues from the private sector to speed how projects are designed by improving the process that gets the work started. This includes issuing task orders, or contracts, to private engineering firms that will be preparing the technical construction plans for upcoming projects.

As a result of this collaboration, ADOT has been able to reduce the time needed to issue a task order from approximately 150 days to an average of 50 or fewer days.

“Improving project delivery is a major priority for us,” said Steve Boschen, who leads ADOT’s Infrastructure Delivery and Operations division. “Our review and simplification of the process will help keep future highway construction projects on schedule.”

ADOT manages a highway construction program that often has more than \$900

million in work underway each year, so improvements in this area help improve the quality of life in Arizona through more timely improvements to the transportation system.

This is National Engineers Week, organized by the National Society of Professional Engineers to promote understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers. At ADOT, engineering is behind every activity that maintains, improves and expands the state’s transportation system, from rehabilitating bridges to paving highways and creating the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. Common to all those engineering efforts is a commitment to continuous improvement.

To improve the task-order process, ADOT used the Arizona Management System championed by Governor Doug Ducey to assemble a team that included consultant engineers to identify both waste and opportunities.

Consultant engineers have praised the time-saving effort.

“Several tools were created to speed the process, including checklists, simplified forms and ways to monitor the task-order process,” said Randy Simpson, a

professional engineer who is vice president with the firm AECOM. “As a member of the Arizona engineering consultant community, I appreciate the opportunity this effort provided to improve the way our industry delivers transportation infrastructure improvements.”

A faster start for project design is especially important when construction schedules are moved up. That’s been the case in Maricopa County, where a rebalancing of transportation tax revenue has allowed regional planners to advance the number of Phoenix-area freeway projects that will be under construction by 2020.

Accelerated projects include adding lanes along Loop 101 between I-17 and Princess Drive as well as along Interstate 10 between Verrado Way and State Route 85. Both widening projects are now scheduled to start by 2019, rather than well after 2020.

“We count on our engineers and the entire team at ADOT to get the most out of the investment taxpayers are making in projects that make travel more efficient and, most importantly, safer,” ADOT Director John Halikowski said. “Accelerating projects is a priority as our engineers team with partners in law enforcement and highway safety to make travel as safe as possible.” •



**In the News**

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Business Engagement and Compliance

Location: 1801 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85007



**SAVE THE DATE!!!  
LUNCH & LEARN TOPICS THROUGH JUNE 2018**

ADOT BECO has planned the first half of 2018 with topics that participants chose as important from 2017 feedback. Access to Capital is scheduled for March 29 and registration is now open on [Eventbrite](#). Looking forward, topics include [Procurement](#), [Estimating and Bidding](#), and [Bonding Financials](#).

ADOT BECO is working on networking opportunities for you! Learn how to create your elevator pitch so you can effectively approach Primes at many events, as well as partners events. The second half of the year will focus more on social media and other innovative topics.

This popular series gets kudos from its participants! ADOT's volunteer presenters are known experts in their field. Bring your lunch, network with your peers, and get ahead in 2018! Lunch & Learns are held once a month on Thursdays at the ADOT BECO office at 1801 W. Jefferson or you may join via Webinar. Don't miss out on them!

<b>MARCH 29, 2018</b>	<p><b><u>Access to Capital</u></b>  <i>Panelists: Teresa Miranda – Prestamos CDFI, LLC , Ralph Gonzales – Capital Active Funding AZ Inc., Craig Norton- Small Business Administration (SBA)</i></p>
<b>APRIL 26, 2018</b>	<p><b><u>Procurement: DBE and SBC Support</u></b>  <i>Presented by: Valarie Erwin, CPPB, Procurement Manager, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Procurement Group</i></p>
<b>MAY 24, 2018</b>	<p><b><u>Estimating and Bidding</u></b>  <i>Presented by: Jose Diaz, Project Manager, Hensel Phelps</i></p>
<b>JUNE 21, 2018</b>	<p><b><u>Bonding: Basics for Financial Understanding</u></b>  <i>Presented by: Patrick Hedges, Partner, Constructors Bonding, Inc.</i></p>

For questions, call or email DBE Supportive Services 602-712-7761 or [DBESupportiveServices@azdot.gov](mailto:DBESupportiveServices@azdot.gov)

**Business & Industry Events**

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**March**

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**DBE & Small Business Transportation EXPO**  
Location: 5750 W Glenn Dr, Glendale  
Time: 7:00am - 12:00pm
- 6
**Registered Safety Manager Certification**  
Location: 1825 W. Adams St., Phoenix  
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 7
**Emerging Business Seminar Series**  
Location: 1365 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 135, Scottsdale  
Time: 7:30am - 9:30am
- 7
**How to Sell Your Business**  
Location: 1365 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 135  
Time: 7:30am - 9:30am
- 11
**Hiring Employees & Contractors**  
Location: 5648 N. 15th Ave, Phoenix  
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- 13
**DBE Professional Services Task Force Meeting**  
Location: ADOT BECO 1801 West Jefferson Street  
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am
- 15
**How Tax Reform Affects Your Small Business**  
Location: National Bank of AZ 6001 N 24th St. Phoenix  
Time: 7:30am - 9:30am
- 15
**Inspections/Investigations and Minimizing Liability in NV**  
Location: N255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas  
Time: 7:30am - 9:30am

**March**










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**Competent Person Training**  
Location: 1661 N. Swan, Suite 144, Tucson  
Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm
- 23
**Sales Strategies for Business**  
Location: 4525 E. Paradise Village Parkway, Phoenix  
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- 23
**The 20th Annual Southern AZ Procurement Fair**  
Location: Kino Sports Complex, Tucson  
Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
- 28
**Procrastination: Gain Control of Your Workday**  
Location: 4333 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix  
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- 28-29
**AZ Roads and Streets Conference**  
Location: Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa, Tucson  
Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
- 29
**Lunch & Learn: Access to Capital**  
Location: ADOT BECO 1801 West Jefferson Street  
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

**April**

- 26
**Lunch & Learn: Procurement: DBE and SBC Support**  
Location: ADOT BECO 1801 West Jefferson Street  
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

ADOT/ BECO
Other Associations

**ADOT Business Coach on Demand - [azdot.gov/businesscoach](http://azdot.gov/businesscoach)**

	HOME		START HERE		BE A DBE/SBC
	FIND WORK		BID JOBS		DO WORK
	ASK ADOT		GET FORMS		SEEK HELP

**Project Opportunities**

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**Links**

- [ADOT Current Advertisements](#)
- [ADOT Engineering Advertisements](#)
- [ADOT Public-Private Partnership Initiatives](#)
- [ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects](#)
- [Bidding Opportunities Around the State](#)

**Did you know?**

ADOT's Right of Way Group is the real estate organization for ADOT. Its primary functions include development of State Transportation Board resolutions, right of way plans, appraisals, property acquisition, condemnation, residential and business relocation, and property management. Overall, the Group acquires and clears property rights necessary for transportation purposes. [Click here](#) to see a YouTube video about ADOT's Right of Way Group.

**!** ADOT Bid openings after January 1st, 2017 will require prime contractors to submit DBE affidavits within 5 calendar days from bid opening. This is two days less than the current requirement. For example, if bid opens on Friday, the DBE Affidavits will be due to BECO, from the prime contractor, by Wednesday before 4:00 PM. Therefore, this is reducing the time DBEs and prime contractors have to prepare, sign and submit the DBE Affidavits to BECO. DBEs are urged to consider this new time restriction when working with prime contractors to complete and sign the DBE Affidavits in order for them to be submitted to BECO by the 5th calendar day from bid opening.

**Featured Federal-Aid Projects**

General/Sub Contractors Opportunities						
Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation/ Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
3/2/18 11am MST	\$19.M	8.45%	HSIP-FLA-0(209)T; SH51101C	<a href="#">IFB</a>	ADOT - <b>Construct Roundabout, Flagstaff.</b> The work consists of constructing a new single lane roundabout, constructing retaining walls, raised medians and reconstruction of the existing Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS).	Jalal Kamal, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:jkamal@azdot.gov">jkamal@azdot.gov</a> or Steve Monroe, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:smonroe@azdot.gov">smonroe@azdot.gov</a>
3/23/18 11am MST	\$14.2M	9.78%	089-B-(212)T; H851801C	<a href="#">IFB</a>	ADOT - <b>Roadway Widening, SR 89, Yavapai County.</b> The work consists of constructing a new two lane road paralleling the existing two lane roadway and modifying the existing SR 89/SR 89A TI.	Rene Teran, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:rteran@azdot.gov">rteran@azdot.gov</a> or Robert LaJeunesse, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:rlajeunesse@azdot.gov">rlajeunesse@azdot.gov</a>
3/23/18 11am MST	\$342K	7.0%	CM-GLN-0(243)T; SZ10801C	<a href="#">IFB</a>	ADOT - <b>Shared Use Pathway Construction, various locations, Glendale.</b> The work consists of constructing new multi-use sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, landscape & signage.	Sam Patton, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:spatton@azdot.gov">spatton@azdot.gov</a> or Kirk Kiser, Construction Supervisor, <a href="mailto:kkiser@azdot.gov">kkiser@azdot.gov</a>
4/13/18 11am MST	\$6.5M	3.62%	STP-191-C(221)T; H870101C	<a href="#">IFB</a>	ADOT - <b>Pavement Rehabilitation, Graham &amp; Greenlee County US 191.</b> The work consists of the milling of existing pavement & replacing it with asphaltic concrete end product, placement of an asphaltic concrete friction, course, crack sealing, removing & replacing guardrail, placement & compaction of shoulder build up, pavement markings, traffic control & signing.	Sam Patton, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:spatton@azdot.gov">spatton@azdot.gov</a> or John Halvarson, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:jhalvarson.consultant@azdot.gov">jhalvarson.consultant@azdot.gov</a>

# LUNCH & LEARN



**Location: 1801 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85007**

ADOT BECO is the place for DBEs and SBCs to gain important business and technical assistance to help you compete effectively for work on federal-aid contracts and other opportunities. These easy to attend luncheon meetings give you a quick way to improve your knowledge and skills to help your business succeed. Attend in-person or via webinar.

Visit ADOT BECO's New Business Resource Center – created for you!

**THURSDAY March 29, 2018**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Access to Capital**

*Panelists: Teresa Miranda – Prestamos CDFI - LLC , Ralph Gonzales – Capital Active Funding, Craig Norton- Small Business Administration (SBA)*

*Questions to be answered:*

- What is your organization's success with small business access to capital?
- What are the types of loans and the process for getting a loan, line of credit or credit card?
- What is the dollar range most requested by and approved for small businesses?
- What are the general qualifications and paperwork needed?
- What are the most common reasons for decline?

**BRING A LUNCH AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW ENTREPRENEURS  
TO IMPROVE THE BOTTOM LINE OF YOUR BUSINESS.**

**Click here to register:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunch-and-learn-access-to-capital-tickets-42724723799>



## Connecting with Connect 202

As construction gets under-way on the South Mountain Freeway Project, Connect 202 Partners, LLC (C202P) continues its commitment to reaching the project's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals. C202P has developed a DBE Spotlight Recognition Program and each quarter a DBE firm will be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the project.

**C202P's 1st Quarter 2018 DBE Spotlight is awarded to Hoque & Associates, Inc.** Hoque & Associates is providing Quality Control services related to the embankment compaction testing and drilled shaft CSL testing on the Project. Hoque & Associates is integral to the embankment operations schedule, by completing compaction tests concurrently with placement to allow efficient scraper haul/placement in roadway fills. Their ability to provide timely testing and accurate reporting for CSL testing results is essential to maintaining the schedule for bridge substructure activities. Their willingness to work through report submittal questions and provide additional documentation to close out test report submittals, has been instrumental to the completion of the Project. Hoque & Associates recently started supporting the design coordination quality process and have been a real asset in updating project design documentation and closing design processes. Congratulations!



<http://hoqueandassociates.com/>

Pictured Left to Right: Walter Fedrowitz (C202P, Deputy Project Director), Melissa Abraham (C202P, DBE/OJT Compliance Manager), Ron Dukeshier (C202P, Construction Manager), Mahmuda Hoque (Hoque & Associates), Travis Legare (C202P, Salt River Segment Manager), Cody McElprang (Hoque & Associates), Walter Lewis (C202P, Project Director), Enamul Hoque (Hoque & Associates)

### Upcoming Procurement Opportunities:

- Permanent Fence
- Base Paving Cross Streets
- Pipe Welder

Follow us for up-to-date information on the project.



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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

#### Project Owner:

Arizona Department of Transportation

#### Project Name:

SR 202L (South Mountain Freeway)

I-10 (Maricopa Freeway) –  
I-10 (Papago Freeway)

Public Private Partnership (P3)

Design-Build-Maintain Contract

#### Project Number:

202 MA 054 H882701 C

#### Project Substantial Completion

##### Date:

November 2019

#### DBE Goals:

16.45% Professional Services, 10.93%  
Construction, 6.08% Capital Asset  
Replacement Work



## **“GET READY” For Tax Filing Season Resources**

(Please click each heading for more information)



### **[Take Steps Now for Tax Filing Season](#)**

Get ready today to file your 2017 federal income tax return. Changes for the tax filing season include ITINs, delays in refunds and validating your electronically filed return.

### **[You May Need to Renew Your ITIN \(Individual Taxpayer Identification Number\)](#)**

Your ITIN may expire before you file a tax return in 2018. All ITINs not used on a federal tax return at least once in the last three years will expire on December 31, 2017. Additionally, all ITINs issued before 2013 with middle digits of 70, 71, 72 or 80 (Example: (9XX-70-XXXX)) will expire at the end of the year.

### **[Delays in Refunds for EITC and ACTC](#)**

If you claim the earned income tax credit (EITC) or the additional child tax credit (ACTC) on your tax return, the IRS must hold your refund until at least February 15 — even the portion not associated with EITC or ACTC.

### **[Validating Your Electronically Filed Tax Return](#)**

When self-preparing your taxes and filing electronically, you must sign and validate your electronic tax return by entering your prior-year Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) or your prior-year Self-Select PIN. Using an electronic filing PIN is no longer an option.

### **[Let Us Help You - Online Tools and Resources](#)**

Before you call, check out the topics people ask about most. We have high call volumes and encourage you to click on one of these hot topics for faster service.

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