EXHIBIT 9-B LOCAL AGENCY DBE ANNUAL SUBMITTAL FORM

TO: CALTRANS DISTRICT 4
District Local Assistance Engineer

The information for exhibit 9-B presented herein, in accordance with Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 26, and the State of California Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Plan.

The City/County/Region of Solano Transportation Authority, submits our annual 9-B information for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 /15, beginning on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015

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Planned Race Neutral Measures

RECIPIENT will assist Caltrans to achieve its Overall Statewide DBE Goal by race neutral means that include, but are not limited to the following:

1) Advertising solicitations, scheduling bidding periods and opening times, and packaging quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBE and other small business participation.

2) Providing technical assistance and other services to DBE and small businesses.

3) Providing information and communication programs on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities (e.g., ensuring the inclusion of DBEs and other small businesses on recipient mailing lists of bidders; ensuring the dissemination to bidders on prime contracts of lists of potential subcontractors including DBE's and small businesses; providing the information in languages other than English, where appropriate).

4) Providing services to help DBEs and other small businesses improve long-term development, increase opportunities to participate in a variety of kinds of work, handle increasingly significant projects, and achieve eventual self-sufficiency.

5) Assisting DBEs and other small businesses to develop their capability to utilize emerging technology and conduct business through electronic media.

(Please detail the race neutral measures your local agency plans to implement for the upcoming Federal Fiscal Year per 49 CFR, Part 26.51 and Section V of the California Department of Transportation DBE Program Implementation Agreement for Local Agencies.)

Prompt Pay

Federal regulation (49 CFR 26.29) requires one of three methods be used in federal-aid contracts to ensure prompt and full payment of any retainage kept by the prime contractor or subcontractor to a subcontractor. (Attached is a listing of the three methods. On the attachment, please designate which prompt payment provision the local agency will use.)

Prompt Pay Enforcement Mechanism

49 CFR, Part 26.29(d) requires providing appropriate means to enforce prompt payment. These means may include appropriate penalties for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract. The means may also provide that any delay or postponement of payment among the parties may take place only for good cause with the local agency's prior written approval. **Please briefly describe the monitoring and enforcement mechanisms in place to ensure that all subcontractors, including DBEs, are promptly paid.**

DBELO or Resident Engineer will hand out the Prompt Payment clause at the pre-construction meetings and explain its meaning to subcontractors. DBELO will reviews third party contracts and purchase requisitions for compliance with this program. DBELO will be available to investigate allegations of violations of this clause and will do spot checks of contracts to ensure the policies are carried out.

Janet Adams
(Signature)

10/1/14
Date

Janet Adams
(Print Name and Title)
ADMINISTERING AGENCY
(Authorized Governing Body Representative)

(707) 424 -6075
Phone Number

Thi Phuong Kuy
(Signature of Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer [DLAE])

10-14-2014
Date

(Attachment)

Prompt Payment of Withheld Funds to Subcontractors

Federal regulation (49 CFR 26.29) requires one of the following three methods be used in federal-aid contracts to ensure prompt and full payment of any retainage kept by the prime contractor or subcontractor to a subcontractor.

Please check the box of the method chosen by the local agency to ensure prompt and full payment of any retainage.

☐ **Method 1:** No retainage will be held by the agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Prime contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from holding retainage from subcontractors. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

☒ **Method 2**: No retainage will be held by the agency from progress payments due the prime contractor. Any retainage kept by the prime contractor or by a subcontractor must be paid in full to the earning subcontractor in 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

☐ **Method 3**: The agency shall hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the agency of the contract work and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall return all monies withheld in retention from all subcontractors within 30 days after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the agency. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of: a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor; deficient subcontractor performance and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.