

What types of Construction does the Port purchase?

- Major Public Works (>\$350K)
- Small Works (<\$350K)
- Direct Contracting (<\$150K)

How does the Port purchase construction services?

Contract Type	Evaluation Criteria	WMBE Goals
Design Bid Build (DBB)	Lowest responsible and responsive bidder	Prime must meet WMBE aspirational goals for that project
Design Build (D/B)	Award based on qualifications and best overall value rather than price alone	Prime must meet WMBE aspirational goals for that project
General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM)	Award based on qualifications and best overall value rather than price alone	At least 70% of work must be subcontracted; Prime must meet WMBE aspirational goals
Unit-Price "On-call" for specialized trades for \$350,000	Unit-price bid amount	WMBE/small encouraged to consider pursuing as prime
Job Order Contract One contract for multiple, small, time-sensitive projects	Award based on qualifications and best overall value rather than price alone	At least 90% of the work must be subcontracted; Prime must meet WMBE aspirational goals
Direct Contracting via Small Works Roster for Small projects <\$150K	If there are 6 or more contractors meeting the definition of small business for a specific trade, Port will rotate among the certified vendors. If 5 or less, Port may direct contract with any business on the roster and will rotate (certification not required)	

What are key things to know about construction contracting at the Port?

- Project Labor Agreements are typically in place for construction projects >\$5M and requires contractor and subcontractors to meet terms and conditions related to:
 - Pre-job jurisdictional conferences
 - Wages and benefits
 - Use of union workers
- The Port environment can be very complex with:
 - Operational facilities (many 24 hours/day)
 - Badging requirements that require money and time
- Labor and Industries' Intent to Pay Prevailing Wage
- Insurance and bonding requirements apply

What are the steps that I need to take to become a contractor for the Port?

1. Register your business on VendorConnect

tinyurl.com/PortContracting

To make sure you receive automatic notifications of contracts relevant to you.

- Include correct contact information, NAICS codes, business firm certifications, work types

2. Be Considered for Small Works and Direct Contracting Work

- Apply the “small works” roster type tag to your business in VendorConnect
- Direct Contracting Work: Certify with OMWBE as small, minority-owned, women-owned or certify with Veteran Affairs as veteran-owned

3. Network with Prime Contractors to get on teams for Major Public Works projects

- Attend PortGen events and other local trade shows
- Attend pre-bid conference/site tours
- Reach out to primes on VendorConnect planholders lists
- Register as a subcontractor on VendorConnect planholders list

4. Sign on to the Diversity in Contracting Mailing List

tinyurl.com/PortMailingList

Never miss out on the Port’s many contracting opportunities, networking events, training opportunities, and important updates such as:

- **March 31st Port Construction Industry Day**
- **Upcoming Construction Contracting 101 Video with Port Procurement Staff**

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