

NEWSLETTER

THIS ISSUE

▶ We've Rebranded

Formerly known as CODE, our committee has been rebranded to more transparently reflect our purpose: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB).

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Learn more about D.E.I.B. and the team behind these newsletters and events

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSITY & EQUITY

CMAA Southern California (CMAASC) represents the diverse community that is Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Riverside Counties. We are committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion with equal opportunity for all persons in its membership, leadership, and activities.

As stated in its name, the D.E.I.B. Committee was created to create opportunities for diversity and equality, supporting the growth of minority owned, women owned, LGBT business enterprises, disadvantaged business enterprise, small business enterprises, and (MBE/WBE/LGBTBE/DBE/SBE/) by encouraging their contributions to the success of owner programs and projects.

The D.E.I.B. Committee's quarterly newsletter contains useful information to support these businesses.

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is now

DIVERSITY
EQUITY
INCLUSION &
BELONGING

(DEIB)

We've Rebranded!

We're thrilled to unveil our new name! This new name emphasizes our committee's mission to promote diverse and small businesses, women, and minorities within the CM industry

[Visit us at cmaasc.org/DEIB to learn more.](https://cmaasc.org/DEIB)

D.E.I.B. EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Hotel Figueroa
January 31, 2024
5PM - 7PM

Fireside Chat: Women's Panel

Caltrans D4, Director
Dina El-Tawansy, PE, PMP

LAWA
Director of Economic Impact & Transformation
Amy Imamura

LACCD
Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities, Planning, & Sustainability
Peggy M. Quijada de Franke

Moderated by: Yolanda Baber of JGM, Inc.



LA Owners Presents

Small Business & Disadvantaged Business Goals

LACCD, Vice Chancellor & Chief Facilities Executive
Dr. Rueben Smith

MWD, Business Outreach Program Manager
John Arena

POLB, Director of Engineering Design
Clint Herrera

LACMTA, DEO Diversity & Economic Opportunity
Tashai Smith

LAWA, Chief Development Officer
Terri Mestas



March 20, 2024

4PM - 6:30PM

TBA



D.E.I.B. EVENTS

2024 EVENTS

Women's Panel: January 2024

Latino Panel: April 2024

LGBTQ+ Panel: May 2024

Black Panel: July 2024

Asian Panel: October 2024

Fireside Chats

Our Fireside Chat series provide you with the opportunity to hear from distinguished and accomplished leaders within our industry speak about their experiences, expertise, and perspectives on fostering a more inclusive & equitable future.

Limited to 50 Guests.



OWNERS PRESENT

Agencies participate in a panel discussion catered to our small & diverse businesses. These discussions include M/W/S/DBE participation goals, certification requirements, workshops, mentoring, internships, and so much more.



LA Owners: March 20, 2024

IE Owners: June 2024

OC Owners: September 2024

Meet the Owners & Primes

August 8, 2024

Participate in one of our largest events of the year: Meet the Owners & Primes! Networking is catered to our small & diverse businesses who can walk around our Exhibit Hall, where Owners & Primes have set up booths to discuss project & partnering opportunities. Sign up for one-on-ones and have personal time with an owner or a prime to further discuss your future opportunities!

PAST EVENTS

DEIB



CMAA SoCal's D.E.I.B. Committee thanks all our sponsors who made the event possible, especially our Platinum Sponsors: Arcadis, Balfour Beatty, Bechtel, CIPO Cloud, Ferrovial, Flatiron, Elevate Inglewood Partners, and Inglewood Community Connectors.

D.E.I.B. has received great feedback from our attendees, including new connections with owner representatives and partnering opportunities which were created!



MEET THE OWNERS & PRIMES

On September 13, 2023, the DEIB Committee held its 5th Annual Meet the Owners & Primes event. This event differs from any other event in our industry as it is a combination of both an Exhibit Hall & One-on-One Networking Tables.



This year's event was our biggest yet, with **200** attendees, **18** Exhibitors, and **21** Hosts of One-on-One Tables!

[CHECK OUT THE ALBUM ON OUR WEBSITE](#)




Small Business Spotlight


DBE / SBE



Est. 2021
Long Beach, CA

AIX Group is a consulting engineering and PMCM firm, serving clients throughout the state in the transportation and public works industries.

 Project & Construction Management

 Civil & Transportation Engineering

 Safety Management



AIX Group was founded by Mr. Robert Delgado, who has nearly three decades of expertise and currently serves as Principal at AIX Group. Mr. Delgado brings his background of construction safety, project and

construction management of highway projects, and his commitment to being at the forefront of the industry to AIX Group.

Client Experience



<https://www.aix.group/>



Project Highlight West Valley Connector Project

The West Valley Connector (WVC) Project is an approximately \$310M, multi-year project which will be a 100% zero-emission BRT system, the first stage of the San Bernardino County zero-emission Bus Initiative and second BRT route in San Bernardino County.

Phase I of the project is 19 miles and includes improvements to Route 61, adding approximately 3.5mi as center running, dedicated bus-only lanes. Phase I also consists of 21 stations, providing improved access to Ontario International Airport by linking ONT, two Metrolink lines, and multiple major activity centers along the route.

AIX Group is providing services for San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) on this project, which will increase connectivity and reduce transit trip times by ~28%, and improve accessibility throughout one of the most congested corridors of San Bernardino County.

Fun Fact

AIX's logo, featuring the letters A | X with strategically placed dots, is a visual embodiment of our company's commitment to excellence in infrastructure services. The design elements within the letters and the dots hold a profound connection to the services we offer and the essence of our work, reflecting dedication to a solid foundation, connecting diverse infrastructure elements, and an agile problem-solving approach. We aim to make a lasting impact in the world of infrastructure.

A
The A in the logo is a symbol of strength and dependability, representing the robust foundation of our infrastructure services. Its dot at the bottom left corner reflects attention to detail, underscoring the investment in every aspect of a project.

I
The I in the logo is a bridge, symbolizing capacity to connect diverse elements and ideas within infrastructure. The lines within the 'I' represent the pathways forged to unite people, technologies, & resources.

X
The X in the logo symbolizes versatility and adaptability. Its crisscrossing lines denote the diverse services from roadway to utilities. The dot within signifies their ability to pinpoint solutions and adapt to ever-changing challenges.

Small Business Spotlight

SBE / DBE



Project Highlight

Middle Mile Broadband Initiative

California is strengthening broadband connections to improve access to education, health services and employment opportunities throughout the state. The Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative is the first step to creating an open-access, middle-mile network that will build infrastructure to bring high-speed broadband service to unserved and underserved communities, regardless of technology used, on equal economic and service terms.

The project, which was announced in 2021, is being fueled by \$3.8 billion in federal and state funds. The state’s network design calls for a total of 10,000 miles of fiber. The largest portion of the project will run through San Bernardino County, which will be home to 850 miles of fiber. Kern County (544 miles), Riverside County (535 miles) and Los Angeles County (525 miles) will also account for substantial portions of the system. California’s Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is working with the state’s Department of Technology to complete the project.

Francison Consulting Inc. is providing the Regional Construction Project Management throughout most of the State and is working alongside the California Department of Technology (CDT) and its consultants to deliver this challenging and critical milestone project.

Founding Story

Francison Consulting, Inc. is an engineering and construction services company incorporated in the State of California. The company started performing specialized consulting work in the water and wastewater space, but have since expanded into other market sectors including transportation, telecommunications, facilities, and the semiconductor space as the demand for resources and expertise has become evident.



FRANCISON
CONSULTING

Est. 2021

Newport Beach, CA

Francison Consulting, Inc. is a small and disadvantaged business that serves the **transportation, telecommunication, water, and public building** sectors.

Their services include:



Project & Construction Management



Planning & Engineering



Project Controls



Nabil Shehade, P.E., is the founder of Francison Consulting and brings to the company forty-five years of experience in civil engineering professional

services on hundreds of infrastructure projects. Nabil brings to Francison Consulting his strategic planning, careful oversight, industry expertise, and best practices.

www.francisonconsulting.com

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AGENCY RESOURCES

If you are looking to apply for a DBE or SBE certification, the links below provide certification, solicitation, and application information.

Please note that while we do our best to keep this information up to date, these links are subject to change.



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D.E.I.B. WHAT DO WE DO?

Our Objectives

- 1) Increase firm recruitment and retention
- 2) Advocate for leadership positions within the chapter
- 3) Create a beneficial mentoring network inclusive of Certified Construction Manager (CCM) training
- 4) Host and sponsor events promoting diversity and equity
- 5) Recognize diverse leaders in the industry



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Get Involved

As an organization, we are committed to providing our members with resources and educational opportunities. If you have ideas for future events or would like to learn more about a particular topic, reach out to us at sccmaa@cmaasc.org.

Looking to advertise your firm? We're looking for future newsletter sponsors! Each edition of the newsletter will feature up to four sponsorships. Two of these sponsorships will be allocated for free to M/W/D/LGBT/SBE firms on a first-come first-serve basis. The other two slots are open to any business. This is a great opportunity to promote new hires and services, project wins, community involvement, and outreach events. Our next newsletter is scheduled for April '24. For additional information regarding sponsorship, please contact sccmaa@cmaasc.org

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