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Amtrak is asking Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to Contact its Primes for Subcontract Opportunities

Amtrak received \$1.3 billion in funds via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). There is an additional \$8 billion directed at developing high speed rail corridors in the U.S. that will be awarded to States vying for those grants. Amtrak hopes to be involved in that development with any and all states receiving those awards.

As a result of the ARRA funding, Amtrak has experienced an increase in the level of interest from the business community across all sectors. In order to maximize exposure to the opportunities available, Amtrak has created several websites where upcoming projects can be found. At www.amtrak.com => Inside Amtrak => ARRA => Other Reports, summaries of the FRA approved Amtrak projects can be found by State. Many of the projects are major infrastructure improvements.

Their Procurement Dept also has a site at <http://procurement.amtrak.com/> where active solicitations can be found. Additionally there are frequently asked questions and a tab directed at Small Business (SBs) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) where it includes listings of prime vendors Amtrak typically or currently contracts with in the areas of **Architects and Engineers, General Contractors, Major IT Firms** and recently added are the firms that are eligible to submit proposals to Amtrak's "Regional Project Manager" initiatives (the Regional Project Managers are currently working to complete a Request for Proposal with hopes of being selected to manage a portion the Amtrak stations projects spanning the U.S.) Amtrak is asking SBs/DBEs to introduce themselves to its primes with specific projects of interest. The SB/DBE tab also includes a business profile form that can be completed by interested firms. We intend to make the list available to all primes to help us meet our SB/DBE goals.

The Amtrak opportunities are currently at hand and they are moving fast to put contracts in place as the ARRA limits the time in which to complete the projects. Projects must be completed by February 2011.

Sincerely,

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