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CALIFORNIA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING COMMISSION LIBERALIZES SEVERAL CUPCCAA RULES

Effective January 1, 2019, the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (“Commission”) published an update to its Cost Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual. Beyond the now well-publicized increase to the public works bid limits of \$60,000 for force account, negotiated contracts and purchase orders and \$200,000 for informal bidding, the Commission made two changes to its rules, bringing them in line with what has been the practice in the field for many years.

Previously, the rules required agencies seeking informal bids to “mail” a request for bids to contractors on an agency’s informal bidders list; the designated plan rooms for the county in which the agencies were located; or both, at least 10 days prior to the bid opening date. The Commission recognized the ubiquitous use of faxes and e-mail in today’s construction environment and revised the rules to allow for bid solicitations to be transmitted by these additional means. In addition, the Commission dropped the requirement for participating agencies to annually solicit contractors for their informal bidders lists in November for the following year. Now, agencies are required to advertise once per year in no particular month. This change will allow agencies that want to update their lists on a fiscal year basis to do so.

Lastly, the Commission updated the e-mail and website for Bid America, an optional plan room for receipt of bid solicitations from Kern, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties to:

BidAmerica
41085 Elm Street
Murrieta, CA 92562
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If you have any questions concerning this update or related issues, do not hesitate to contact our office.

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