

**Alameda County  
Contractor Bonding Assistance Program**

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**Administered by Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services**

**BONDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The bonding assistance program was implemented by Alameda County to assist small local contractors in obtaining and/or increasing their bonding capacity for work on Alameda County contracts. The program is sponsored by the County Administrator's Office Risk Management Unit and administered by Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services.

**SERVICES**

The Contractor Bonding Assistance Program (CBAP) is designed to help small local contractors obtain bid, payment and performance bonds. Guarantees up to 40% of the bond amount or \$750,000, whichever is less will be available to qualified contractors. This is done by providing one-on-one consultation with the contractor and technical assistance including contractor-focused group workshops and seminars.

CBAP assembles a team of professionals to assist small local contractors in preparing for the bonding process and to help them grow their businesses. CBAP will also work with Contractors to help them improve their existing relationships with surety providers if they have them.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Contractors that are both:

- Located in Alameda County **and**
- Eligible to participate in one of the following certifications:
  - Alameda County Small Local Emerging Business (SLEB)
  - State Small Business Enterprise (SBE)
  - US Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

For information about the SLEB program contact the Auditor Controller Agency -Office of Contract Compliance at (510) 891-5500.

For information about the SBE program contact the General Service Agency – Office of Acquisition Policy at (510) 208-9617.

For information about the DBE program contact the Public Works Agency at (510) 670-5243.

**COST**

- Contractors / Subcontractors are responsible for bond premiums
- There is no charge for CBAP –sponsored workshops and seminars
- Fees may be associated with certain workshops/seminars sponsored by Merriwether and Williams Insurance Services.

We encourage any contractors needing assistance with bonding on Alameda County projects to contact

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