

Texas Department of Transportation

Federal-aid Project: STP 2016(884)MM

Local Project Number: 0197-03-122

Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14) to evaluate the use of Local Labor Hiring Preferences (LLHP)

Status Update: November 21, 2016

Contracting Agency:	TxDOT
Project Description:	S. M. Wright Project (US 175 from Bexar St. to IH 45 in Dallas)
FHWA Division POC:	Hala Elgaaly
Construction Start Date - Actual or Expected:	Time charges started on June 20 th , 2016
Construction Completion Date - Actual or Expected:	Estimated completion date: September 2019
Estimated Percent of Construction Completion:	Time charged: 91 days / 819 days: 11% Percent paid to date: 20%
PODI (Y or N):	Y
Evaluations: Date Submitted or Expected:	
Comments on Issues, Progress, Successes: Please provide comments on activity to date, issues experienced	Please see the comments below

Comments:

Project Background

The S.M. Wright project is a multiple phase project in Dallas, Texas that will connect US 175 C.F. Hawn freeway directly to IH-45. The project was re-let in February 2016 for \$103,886,600 with LLHP provisions and an increased goal for DBE participation. The LLHP provision approved under SEP-14 for this project stipulates that 15% of all contract labor hours be performed by residents of the area surrounding the project. The project includes a S/M/WBE and HUB participation aspirational goal of 16.7%, in addition to the standard DBE goal of 13.3%.

Contractor Progress towards meeting LLHP Requirements

The contractor for this project is Webber Construction LLC. of The Woodlands, Texas. The contractor's on-site staff met with TxDOT's staff on August 3rd to discuss the LLHP requirements and the stakeholders involved in the process.

Following the August 3rd meeting, a stakeholder meeting took place on October 14th. Participants including several stakeholders met and discussed the training requirements for local hires, availability of local hires and the demand for local hires on the S.M. Wright project. Attachment A lists the participants of the October 14th meeting.

On October 28th, a list of 50 candidates ready, willing and able to work was furnished by Road to Work Opportunity Program (RTWOP).

An initial job fair took place on November 16th at the Bill J. Priest Institute in Dallas, TX. The job fair was targeted towards individuals for possible employment on the S.M. Wright project to meet the requirements of the local hiring contracting provision. The job fair was by invitation for job seekers who had previously completed training through CitySquare, Road To Work, Boots on the Ground/WINS, Workforce Greater Dallas and UT Arlington – Texas Construction Career Academy. A total of eight (8) employers consisting of the prime contractor and the sub-contractors on the S.M. Wright project attended the job fair. They included:

1. ATS Drilling
2. Bowman Engineering
3. Concept Facility Services
4. Oscar Orduno
5. Shalom Services
6. Sigma Environmental
7. Webber
8. Wims Environmental

There were 12 job seekers in attendance during the fair.

A second job fair is currently in the planning stages for early 2017.



**US-175/SM Wright Freeway Project
Local Labor Hiring Program Process and Planning
Meeting**

Friday - October 14, 2016

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