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Caltrans Offers Free Partnering Training

Sacramento – Continuing its commitment to deliver projects safely and efficiently, Caltrans is now offering free partnering training for local transportation agencies and contractors seeking to work on Caltrans projects. Partnering promotes open communication, trust and teamwork among all parties involved in a project.

The workshop, called “Fundamentals of Partnering,” is being provided by a team from both Caltrans and the construction industry who regularly work on Caltrans projects. These trainers use the principles they teach and will provide tools and practical tips on making partnerships effective. Project managers, engineers, superintendents, estimators, supervisors and lead workers are invited to attend the one-day workshops are being held throughout the state.

“Getting projects built on-time and on budget requires honest cooperation and collaboration,” said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim. “Effective partnering results in lower costs, shorter construction schedules, safer job sites and fewer disruptions to the traveling public.”

Those attending the training can expect to learn:

- The principles of partnering and how it can increase a project's success
- Tools on how to improve problem-solving and dispute resolution
- Where to find resources and support for Caltrans partnerships

“Partnering is not just a tool,” explains partnering trainer Dan Himick, President of C.C. Myers Inc., “It is an essential philosophical shift of attitudes and morals that develops teamwork to do what is best for the project and create a win-win for all involved.”

The Caltrans Partnering Program was used on an award-winning project on the Interstate 15 “Mountain Pass” project near the California/Nevada State Line. This project faced many challenges such as, solid rock formations on either side of the interstate, separated alignments with desert habitat and geological areas of interest and a large work zone which dropped 3000

feet in elevation from one end of the project to the other. Partnering strategies learned during the “Fundamentals of Partnering” training proved invaluable to the project team’s success and allowed for a quick resolution to these issues. The I-15 “Mountain Pass” project received a gold 2011 “Excellence in Partnering” award.

For more information on Caltrans Partnering Program and the workshops, visit www.CaltransPartnering.com or contact program coordinator Ken Solak at (916) 654-6020 or ken_solak@dot.ca.gov .

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