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Informational Hearing

to

Explore the California High Speed Rail Authority's Draft Report of Its *"Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program"*

Thursday, January 5, 2012

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 112; Sacramento, California 95814

This hearing will provide a forum for Committee members, small business stakeholders, and the general public to receive an overview from the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) of its draft report, entitled "*Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program*." The hearing also provides an opportunity for interested parties to receive direct answers to technical questions prior to preparing and submitting their comments on the proposal by the January 16, 2012 deadline.

Many small business owners have expressed concerns regarding the exclusion of minority- and women-owned firms from contract opportunities relative to this major infrastructure project. The recently drafted plan by the CHSRA outlines its efforts to level the playing field for these historically disadvantaged small business contractors.

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