

Dear Vendor,

On August 7, 2021, the Los Angeles City Council approved Ordinance No. 187212 amending Article 4 of Chapter 1, Division 10 of Los Angeles Administrative Code to consolidate and update the existing Local Business Programs and repealing Articles 5 and 21. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has implemented this Ordinance on October 26, 2021. This Ordinance combines the Transitional Job Opportunities Program, Small Local Business (SLB) Program, and Local Business Preference Program (LBPP) ordinances into a single program called LBPP. The updated LBPP is intended to boost local business participation in the City of Los Angeles contracting and increase employment opportunities for transitional workers.

Previously, the SLB Program allowed companies certified as SLB with the City to receive a 10 percent bid preference on contracts of \$100,000 or less, and the LBPP allowed companies certified as a Local Business Enterprise (LBE) with the City to receive bid preference on contracts over \$150,000 to receive an 8 percent preference. In addition, the Transitional Job Opportunities Program provided a 10 percent preference during the bid process to organizations that hire and provide supportive services to transitional employees, which include vulnerable populations such as homeless and/or formerly incarcerated individuals.

Under this Ordinance, as part of the restructuring, preference percentages will increase for small and local businesses based on the threshold contract amount of \$150,000. LBPP preference will continue for contracts over \$150,000 at 8 percent preference. Additionally, preferences for contracts over \$150,000 will now be given to prime contractors if they or their subcontractors hold either an LBE, SLB, and/or Local Transitional Employer (LTE) certification for a maximum of 12 percent preference.

The LBPP will seek to leverage funds expended under contracts to stimulate local business activities, encourage businesses to set up operations locally, and to augment local job creation efforts. The LBPP is also expected to lay a foundation for a sustainable local economic development by promoting the creation, expansion, and retention of local businesses.

To that end, eligible vendors are strongly encouraged to register and apply for certification as a Local Business, Local Small Business, or Local Transitional Employer on the Los Angeles Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement (RAMP) web page located at [www.rampla.org](http://www.rampla.org).

For questions about the Citywide Wide Preference programs, please contact:

City of Los Angeles  
Bureau of Contract Administration  
Office of Contract Compliance – Centralized Certification Administration

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Los Angeles, CA 90015  
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The LADWP employs the electronic-Request-Solicit-Procure (eRSP) online purchasing system for posting its contract opportunities. Vendors are required to register on the eRSP system at [www.ladwp.com/ersp](http://www.ladwp.com/ersp) in order to receive notifications and respond to opportunities.

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