



New Tool Helping Cities Build Sustainably

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Like many public agencies, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is putting an increased emphasis on sustainability. By “sustainability,” the agency said in a pledge three years ago that it would work to “ensure the long-term health and well-being of the communities we serve.” The problem agency leaders faced was how to demonstrate that they were making any progress toward that goal.

The Department of Public Works serves ten million people. It builds and maintains everything from highways to sewers to airports. The department wanted a tracking system that could show how it was doing with all of those different pieces of their work.

The agency settled on a system called Envision, which measures the sustainability of projects, not by their costs but by their potential to benefit the environment, neighborhood, and economy. Supporters compare it to the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Building certification

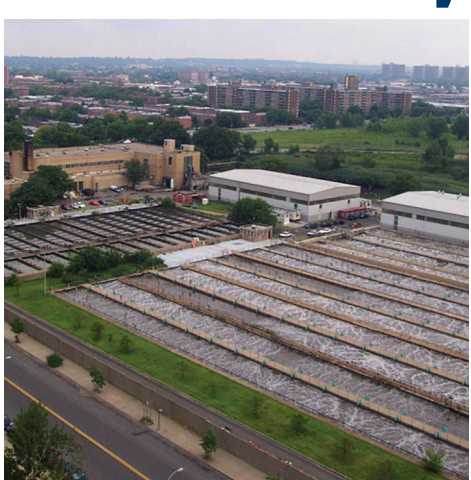
process, a rating system for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of environmentally friendly buildings and neighborhoods. The two systems even use similar ratings scales—the top three categories of projects are rated platinum, gold, or silver.

There are environmental ratings systems for other types of infrastructure like roads. But Envision is different because it can be applied to a vast array of infrastructure projects—not just a single type. Envision also goes beyond environmental considerations and encourages community input.

Now, the Los Angeles County agency uses the system in all of its design work, and it’s incorporating it into other facets of its work, too.

“In the past, when we would design a project, we had one focus,” whether it was building a road or controlling flooding, said Rossana D’Antonio, the head of the agency’s design division. “We wanted to do it for the lowest price possible. But now, with sustainability, it incorporates the social, environmental, and economic impacts to a project.”

While Envision is only three years old, it’s catching on across the country. New York City’s



water agency is on board, as are smaller municipalities. Agencies in Florida, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, and Texas have used the system to select contractors. Big infrastructure firms are also training their employees on the system, which

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NYCTA Component Repairs on the Jamaica Line (BMT)

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is preparing a bid proposal for the NYCTA Component Repairs at Four Stations project. The project includes repairs at the 121st Street, 111th Street, 104th Street and Myrtle Avenue stations on the BMT Jamaica Line in Brooklyn and Queens. Quotes from MWBE and non-MWBE vendors, suppliers and subcontractors are being sought.

Bid Date: October 15, 2015 **DBE Participation Goal:** 30%

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is seeking vendors, suppliers and subcontractors in the following categories:

• Concrete & Concrete Reinforcement	• Mechanical
• Concrete Topping Slabs	• Polyethylene Platform Edge Strip
• Demolition	• Post-Installed Concrete Anchors
• Division 10 Specialties	• Precast Concrete Solid Slabs
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• Finishes	• Structural Steel / Misc. Metals / Metal Assemblies
• Fire Stopping	• Windscreen Panels and Wire Mesh Panels
• Grout	
• Hazardous Material Removals	
• Hollow Metal Doors and Hardware	
• Liquid Membrane, Sealants and Caulking	

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Component Repairs at Four Stations on the Jamaica Line “B” Division (BMT) Project
 MTA New York City Transit Contract No: A-36865
 Bid Date: October 15, 2015

Description of project:
 The work to be performed under this contract consists of station component repairs at four stations on the (BMT) J/Z Jamaica Line at the 121st Street, 111th Street, 104th Street, and Myrtle Avenue stations, in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. The work consists of the replacement of platform rubbing board edges and platforms with precast panels, tactile tile installation, repair of spalled concrete, repair and replacement of structural steel, stair repairs and replacement, windscreens, minor communications work, caulking, painting, temporary support of electrical and signal cables, and other incidental work.

Subcontracting opportunities include, but are not limited to:
 Structural Steel Work, Hazardous Materials Abatement, Platform Edge Rubbing Board, Precast Concrete Work, Signs, Detectable Warning Tile, Miscellaneous Metals Work, Roofing, Ceilings, Electrical Work, Waterproofing, Gypsum Board Assemblies, Concrete Repairs, Doors and Windows, Pre-Engineered Structures, Painting, CPM Scheduling, Bird Deterrent Systems, Caulking, Janitorial Services / Cleaning, Architectural Windscreens, Demolition, Mechanical Work, Photography, HVAC Work, Haul and Dispose Soils, Concrete and Asphalt, Plumbing Work, Reinforcement Steel.

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All companies that fill out a Contractors Questionnaire will be added to our Vendor Solicitation Log which KWM uses for upcoming subcontract opportunities. If you would like to fill out a Contractors Questionnaire, please go to our website and visit the “Partnering” tab.

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• Furnish and Install Precast Walls and Roof	• Haz Mat Trucking
• Miscellaneous Metals Suppliers	• Street Sweeping
	• Lumber/Crane Mat Suppliers
	• Concrete, Curb, and Gutter Flatwork

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 MTA Bridges and Tunnels Contract No: TN-60
 Bid Date: October 1, 2015

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to engineer’s field office, maintenance of traffic, pavement striping, temporary concrete barrier, chain link fence, safety boat, saw cutting, steel demolition, lead abatement, asbestos abatement, timber shielding, rospphalt, concrete traffic barrier, rebar, fence and gates, structural steel fabrication and erection, miscellaneous metals, bearings, downspouts and scuppers, signs, panels, waterproofing, doors, bridge painting, caulking, bird remediation, fire standpipe, mechanical electrical install and supply, roadway lighting, bridge drainage. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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Various Structural Repairs and Removal of the Tuned Mass Damper and Inspection of Select Main Cable Panels at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge
 MTA Bridges and Tunnels Contract No: BW-14/BW-84C
 Bid Date: October 8, 2015

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to bridge drainage, trucking, fiberglass gratings, structural steel fabrication and erection, saw cutting, armored joint systems, steel demolition, maintenance of traffic, bridge painting, caulking of cables, field office, highway electrical install and supply. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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