



WRMSDC's Construction Day 2025: Future-Proofing Construction: Leveraging Challenges for Success

*February 20, 2025 Construction Day event focused on connecting inclusive suppliers with the Utility/
Infrastructure Companies, Builders, and Owner organizations funding building projects.*

San Francisco, CA- On February 20, 2025 at the Southeast Community Center in San Francisco, CA, the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC) hosted its annual Construction Day event. The event took place from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and included many inclusive suppliers, corporate representatives, and public attendees from across the nation.

Construction Day opened with light refreshments provided by Kaiser Permanente, along with networking between corporate participants and inclusive suppliers in attendance.

The General Session opened with words from Donna Ruff, President/CEO of WRMSDC and was hosted by Mick Penn (Swinerton). The Educational Talks (sponsored by Bank of America) boasted three knowledgeable speakers on a range of topics. Jay Bennett (LISC) spoke on "Get Bonded: Securing Success in Construction." Gerald Johnson (Sabacon Consulting) covered "Stronger Together. MBEs Collaborating for Success." Lastly, Jennifer Ingram (MidPen Housing) touched on "CA Assembly Bill 2873 Affordable Housing." Following this, Rapid-Fire Opportunity Sharing (sponsored by California Department of General Services) allowed corporations and government entities to share upcoming opportunities for small businesses over the next 18 months. Participating organizations included, Mick Penn (Swinerton), Len Turner (Construction Resource Center), Charles Conway (UCSF), Brooke Droege (McCarthy), Melanie Dodson (McCarthy), Chad Wright (California Department of General Services). Donna Ruff closed the General Session with the presentation of WRMSDC's All In Award to NOVO Construction, with Sarah Garcia accepting the award.

Following the General Session, the Networking Reception allowed all attendees to network and unwind to hip tunes, great food, and unique mocktails, hosted by Novo Construction. Several corporations and inclusive suppliers set up resource tables in the Networking Reception to share opportunities and information with attendees. Resource table participants included: AGC, Asian Inc, Authentigrate, Cahill, DGS, Executive Human Resource Service, Genentech, Gilbane, Greyhawk Construction, Hathaway Dinwiddie, iHealth360, McCarthy, Merriwether & Williams, Mid-Pen Housing, Rudolph & Sletten, Siemens Mobility, Swinerton, UCSF, Webcor.

The event would not have experienced the level of success it did without the supporters who made it all possible: AMN Healthcare, California Water Association, Gilead, Robert Half, SBM, T-Mobile, AT&T, Bank of America, Cahill, DGS, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Genentech, Gilbane, Google, Greyhawk Construction, Hathaway Dinwiddie, iHealth360, Kaiser Permanente, McCarthy, Merriwether & Williams, Milroy Construction, Novo Construction, PG&E, Rudolph & Sletten, Siemens, Swinerton, Turner Construction, UCSF, Vistra, Webcor.

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