

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CITY OF LOS BANOS'
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM UPDATE

Where:	City Council Chambers 520 J Street Los Banos, California	When:	Wednesday, October 1, 2008 7:00 PM
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Notice is hereby given that the City of Los Banos will conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the City's proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Update for Federal Fiscal Year 2008-2009. The City of Los Banos has established a DBE Program in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the City of Los Banos to ensure that DBE's have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT assisted contracts;
2. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
3. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's;
4. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT assisted contracts; and
5. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The City of Los Banos' proposed goal for Federal Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is 4.3% of Federal financial assistance received in DOT assisted contracts. The Public Hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Los Banos City Council on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Los Banos City Hall located at 520 J Street, or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. Questions regarding the above-referenced item may be directed to Gary Hutsell, Assistant Public Works Director at the Public Works Department, 411 Madison Avenue or at (209) 827-7056.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment on this item at the Public Hearing. In addition, written comments may be submitted to the City Council at or prior to the hearing, mailed to 411 Madison Avenue, Los Banos, CA 93635, Attention: Gary Hutsell, Assistant Public Works Director. Please reference hearing title and date of hearing in any correspondence. If no comments are received prior to or on the above date, it will be assumed that no comment is being offered. The public is also informed that should the action by the City Council be challenged in court, court testimony may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing, or by written correspondence received at or prior to the Public Hearing, per Government Code Section 65009.

It is the intention of the City to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (209) 827-7000 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs.

Comments received during the public participation process may be reviewed by the California Department of Transportation.

THE CITY OF LOS BANOS
GARY HUTSELL
ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Legal September 19, 2008