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SAN JOSE, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is coordinating with the City of San Jose and the Office of Senator Jim Beall will host a free Small Business Certification Workshop on Friday, March 10, at the Mexican Heritage Center in San Jose. The workshop is designed to provide hands-on technical assistance for on-the-spot certification from the California Department of General Services (DGS). Information on the Federal 8(a) and Disadvantage Business Enterprise (minority- and women-owned) certification will also be provided during the workshop, which will be attended by a number of our regional transit agency partners. There will be opening remarks and a general high-speed rail program update starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Authority has one of the most aggressive small-business programs in the nation, with a 30 percent goal for small business participation, a 10 percent goal for Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBE) and a 3 percent target for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE). With more than 119 miles of active construction in the Central Valley, construction of a high-speed rail line between the Silicon Valley and Central Valley is planned for passenger service beginning in 2025.

WHO: California High-Speed Rail Authority, City of San Jose and the Office of Senator Jim Beall

WHAT: Free Small Business Certification Workshop

WHEN: Friday, March 10, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. - Networking
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. - Opening Remarks and High-Speed Rail Presentation
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. - Break
- 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. - Certification Sessions

WHERE: Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Avenue
San Jose, CA 95116

See event flyer here - http://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/small_business/SB_Cert_Workshop_San_Jose_031017.pdf

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