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RQ Construction part of multiple-award contracts for \$1.5B in Navy projects

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RQ Construction Inc. is among several firms --including others in San Diego County -- that have been awarded part of \$1.5 billion in multiple-award construction contracts by the U.S. Navy to complete construction of commercial and institutional buildings and various utilities.

The improvements will be made at Navy facilities in the Southwest region, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

Carlsbad-based RQ Construction and nine other firms were selected March 18 to participate in the \$900 million contract to build administration buildings, school buildings, hospitals, auditoriums, fire stations, gymnasiums, office buildings, airplane hangars, laboratories and parking structures.

Separate contracts will be awarded over five years to **Harper Construction Company Inc.**; **Barnhart Inc.**; **R.A. Construction Co. Inc.**; **Solpac Construction Inc.**; and **T.B. Penick & Sons Inc.**, all based in San Diego County. Irvine-based **Hensel Phelps Construction Co.**; **Sundt Construction Inc.** of Tempe, Ariz.; and Costa Mesa-based **Clark Construction Group**, are also included in the contract.

Hensel Phelps Construction Co. has been awarded a nearly \$5.8 million task order to design and construct an industrial machine shop at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, Calif. The contract must be complete within 60 months and 94 percent of the work involved with the contract will be completed in California, according to the Department of Defense.

The Navy also allocated a \$300 million contract for new construction and upgrades of electrical distribution and lighting systems, airfield lighting and cable television lines and communication transmission lines. The five-year contract was awarded April 27 to San Diego-based **Dynalectric Co.**; **NEI Contracting and Engineering Inc.** and RQ-Berg, a joint venture between RQ Construction and San Diego-based **Bergelectric**.

Also listed in the contract award announcement are Beaumont Calif.-based **Baldi Brothers**; **Stonghold Engineering Inc.** of Riverside, Calif.; **Syska Hennessey Group Construction Inc.** of Los Angeles and Honolulu-based **Watts Constructors LLC**. Projects will be announced throughout the Navy's Southwest region, with 83 percent of the work to be completed in California.

A joint venture between RQ Construction and **J.R. Filanc Construction** was also awarded a \$300 million contract for construction and repairs of water, steam, sewer and storm sewer lines and other water infrastructure such as wells, mains, pumping stations, treatment plants, storage tanks and facilities. The project does not include waterfront-related construction or oil and gas pipeline construction.

An estimated 83 percent of work on the contract will be performed in California. Other contractors selected include **EPC Corp.** of Glendale, Ariz.; Riverside, Calif.-based **Hal Hayes Construction Inc.**; Pomona, Calif.-based **Reyes Construction Inc.**; Honolulu-based **Watts Constructors**; **Orion Construction Corp.** of Vista and a joint venture between **Tetra Tech** and **Pascal & Ludwig** of Irvine.

RQ Construction is seeking subcontractors to help complete the project, particularly in the plumbing and electrical trades.

Interested subcontractors can fill out a prequalification form, at rqconstruction.com/subcontractor/subcontractor.htm.

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