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Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Reuse Program

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) continues to assist small business through resourceful monthly tips. Not only is it important to know the ins and outs on how to become a successful vendor with the County, it's also important to know the County programs that may affect the contract you have won. With more Californians and government agencies seeking companies that are "green" or "earth" friendly, many vendors are now required to show that it has a program in place to reduce, reuse and recycle. Such is the case for vendors of construction and demolition contracts with the County of Los Angeles.

In 2005, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors adopted the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Recycling and Reuse Ordinance. The Ordinance requires projects in the unincorporated areas to recycle or reuse 50 percent of the debris generated. Its purpose is to increase the diversion of construction and demolition debris from disposal facilities and will assist the County in meeting the State of California's 50 percent waste reduction mandate.

Projects, which fall under this Ordinance, include the following:

1. Any project requiring a construction permit which is valued at over \$100,000. This does not apply to work that consists of one single-family or two-family residential structure and associated accessory structures unless they are part of a development or a tract.
2. Any project requiring a demolition permit, regardless of the value.
3. Any project requiring a grading permit, regardless of the value.
4. Any project which requires one or more of the above permits.

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For more information on the Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Reuse program requirements and how you can make your company compliant, including obtaining the necessary forms, contact the Construction & Demolition Unit at (626) 458-3551 or reach them online at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/cd/>.

Recycling and Reuse Plans are to be submitted to the Construction & Demolition Unit for review and approval. Forms may be submitted via fax at (626) 737-1723, via the U. S. Postal Service or a parcel service, or at the public counter on Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is located at:

Environmental Programs Division
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Annex Building 3rd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91803

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