

**NOTICE OF A 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (STANCOG)  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a 45-day public review and comment period will commence on October 26, 2011, and conclude on December 9, 2011, to elicit comments on the StanCOG Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Beginning on October 26<sup>th</sup>, you may access the StanCOG DBE Program via the agency's public website at <http://www.stancog.org/>, or by visiting the StanCOG office, located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California. Written comments regarding this document must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2011, to be included as a part of the record.

StanCOG will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the StanCOG Board Room, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California, for the purpose of soliciting comments on the StanCOG DBE Program. All those wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to do so.

StanCOG is the recipient of federal transit funds. Pursuant to federal law, any agency receiving federal financial assistance is required to have a DBE Program. A DBE is a small business owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged, according to the guidelines established in the federal DBE Program (49 CFR Part 26). A DBE Program establishes goals, objectives, and policies to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises have an opportunity to participate in the competitive bidding process for federally-funded projects. As an agency receiving federal financial assistance, StanCOG is strongly committed to adhering to its DBE goals and policies. It is anticipated that the StanCOG DBE Program will be adopted by the StanCOG Policy Board on December 14, 2011.

Additional information regarding the StanCOG DBE Program may be obtained by contacting the StanCOG office, located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California, or by calling Rosa Park at (209) 525-4600.