Walsh Construction is the prime contractor for WSDOT’s SR 520/I-5 Express Lanes Connection Project, and Ethan Kaufman manages Walsh’s project team. Besides the complex traffic logistics of diverting thousands of drivers daily around the work zone, the project involves myriad other demands: fiber installation, illumination work, cast-in-place concrete work, construction of a new, elevated freeway ramp and modification of an existing ramp, and building several retaining walls — all to construct a dedicated, reversible transit/HOV connection, via the I-5 express lanes, between SR 520 and Seattle’s bustling South Lake Union neighborhood.

Walsh Construction supports diversity and inclusive contracting, and is committed to meeting WSDOT’s voluntary 26% goal for contract participation by small firms owned by minorities, women and veterans (or MSVWBEs). Broken down, that goal is 10% for minority-owned companies, 6% women-owned, 5% veteran-owned, and 5% small businesses.

“We actively make sure we establish and meet these contracting requirements on our project,” Kaufman said. “That’s from the estimating side and the project side, and John Currier is specifically tasked with it. He can coach and guide people in the right direction.”

John Currier is Walsh’s Diversity Project Manager. “I manage subcontracts and I have a lot of contacts with local firms in the region,” he said. “We also work quite a bit with Regina Glenn and Bobby Forch (WSDOT’s Diversity and Inclusion managers).”

“We’re looking for companies that want to be our partner on the job. We want them to come prepared, fully understanding their skill set and communicating that to us,” Kaufman said.

“Firms should be reaching out to us early in the estimating process,” Currier said, “so everyone can communicate what the scopes are, what the firm is capable of. The more folks reach out to us and our estimating team early in the process, the better off everyone will be. Look for our ads in the Daily Journal of Commerce and on the OMWBE website.”

Ethan Kaufman (left) is Walsh Construction’s project manager for the SR 520/I-5 Express Lanes Connection Project. John Currier (right) is Walsh’s diversity manager.

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### Reporting progress by the numbers

#### Diversity/ Apprenticeship / Training

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#### Diversity / Apprenticeship / Training

**Completed federally funded construction projects to date:**
- Pontoons, Eastside, West Connection Bridge, Floating Bridge and Landings, West Approach Bridge North.
- Total percentage DBE achieved ranged from 3.83% - 14.62%, totaling 15.1% overall.

**Completed state funded construction projects to date:**
- Grass Creek, Evans Creek, Union Bay Natural Area, Truck Aprons, Eastside Culvert Repair Project.
- Total percentage MSVWBE achieved ranged from 0.00% - 64.74%, totaling 18.6% overall.

#### Program Management and Engineering (PGM & E)

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#### MSVWBE Program Subtotal
- 9.79% overall. Total percentage Apprentice achieved ranged from 12.0% - 24.1%, totaling 15.6% overall.

#### DBE Program Subtotal
- 32.14% overall. Total percentage Apprentice achieved ranged from 12.0% - 24.1%, totaling 15.6% overall.

#### PGM & E TOTAL
- 26
- $53,642,573

#### Construction

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**DBE Program Subtotal**
- 8.97% overall.

**MSVWBE Program Subtotal**
- 29.22% overall.

**MSVWBE Program Subtotal**
- 0.00% overall.

#### MSVWBE

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**MSVWBE Program Subtotal**
- 6.66% overall.

**MSVWBE Program Subtotal**
- 11.46% overall.

### CONSTRUCTION TOTAL
- 119
- $192,420,852

**SR 520 Program Subtotal**
- 142
- $246,063,426