Austin/Sundt a Joint Venture associated with the San Diego International Airport's Rental Car Center Project has adopted the following Subcontractor procurement process.

In an effort to provide better bid package coverage and enhance Local, Small Business opportunities and involvement, Austin/Sundt and the Airport Authority have agreed to a Best Value Procurement Process. All potential prime bidders will be required to prequalify, however the prequalification process will end prior to the beginning of the bid period (the subcontracting community will be notified of all deadlines for prequalification). These pre-qualifications will then be analyzed to determine a qualified pool of contractors for each trade. Then, if a large pool of qualified contractors for a trade still remains, a trade short list questionnaire will be issued to those contractors to further clarify goals for SBE involvement, SBE outreach plans, and previous work experience on similar projects. From the results of the pre-qualification and this questionnaire, contractors will be short listed down to three (3) to five (5) qualified firms per trade. Austin/Sundt plans to set SBE involvement goals for each bid package that will further encourage the prime contractors to involve small businesses.

Austin/Sundt will then plan networking events for small businesses to meet the short listed prime contractors.

