

# ADOT BECO LPA/SR NEWSLETTER Spring 2020



“The only constant in life is change.”  
- Heraclitus

## BECO's WORD SEARCH

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## Staying Safe in the Summer Heat

**Avoid the Heat.** Stay out of the heat and indoors as much as possible. Spend time in an air conditioned space. Only two hours a day in an air-conditioned space can significantly reduce the risk of heat-related illness.

**Dress for the heat.** Wear loose-fitting clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Lightweight, light-colored clothing that reflects heat and sunlight and helps maintain normal body temperature. Avoid too much sunshine. Use a sunscreen lotion with a high SPF rating.

**Drink for the Heat.** Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty. Even under moderately strenuous outdoor activity, the rate your body can absorb fluids is less than the rate it loses water due to perspiration.

**Eat for the Heat.** Eat small meals more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein because they increase metabolic heat.

**Living in the Heat.** Slow down. Reduce, eliminate, or reschedule strenuous activities such as running, biking and lawn care work when it heats up. The best times for such activities are during early morning and late evening hours.

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## Argentine Giant (*Trichocereus Candicans*) Cactus

This cactus, native to Argentina, has an unusual growth habit for a cactus. It does not get any taller than about three feet at maturity, and has sprawling limbs that grow just as wide. Large flowers, generally six to eight inches in diameter are white with yellow centers. They appear at night, sometimes lasting into the early morning or even longer on cool, cloudy days. Flowers are followed by a purple fruit, with a red pulp.

Blossoms are wonderfully fragrant and attract night pollinators

**such as bats and moths.**

Height: 2 – 3 feet; Width: 3 – 6 feet

Bloom color: White

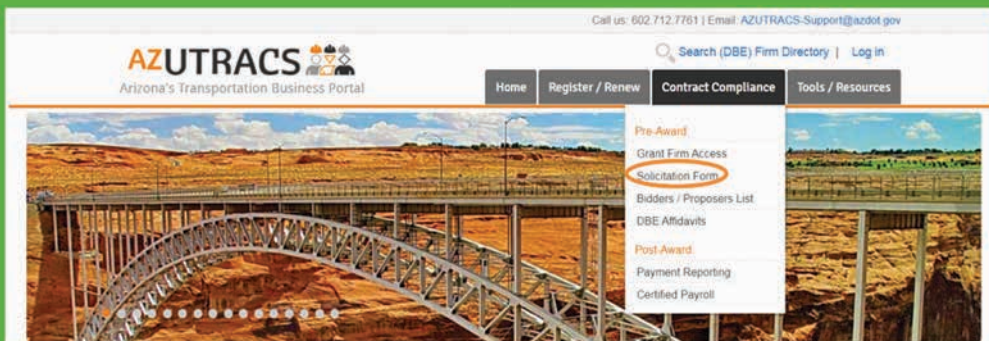
Flowering season: Summer

USDA minimum zone: 8; Cold hardiness: 15° F



## Great News!

The ADOT Business Engagement and Compliance Office (BECO) implemented a free, self-service way for you to send electronic solicitations through AZ UTRACS. This allows you to send solicitations to a targeted list of firms, or receive solicitations to bid or propose on ADOT projects.



### Benefits for Primes:

- FREE! This service is totally free
- Send invitations to bid/propose to a targeted audience based on the project details and firm qualifications and/or certifications
- Target multiple types of work with one solicitation
- Assign estimators to manage solicitations & receive responses
- Send an unlimited number of solicitations for both pre-Award and Post-Award contracts at any time of day
- Solicitations can count toward DBE contract goal Good Faith Efforts (GFE)

### Benefits for DBEs, ACDBEs & SBSs:

- FREE! This service is totally free
- Receive invitations to bid/propose only for solicitations relevant to your firm's capabilities as described on your AZ UTRACS profile and, if applicable, your certification record
- New networking opportunities
- Know whether solicitations are from Pre-Award or Post-Award primes before you bid/propose
- Get recognized and contacted for jobs based on your firm's unique qualifications



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**No time to read the user manual?** Check out the [Solicitation Form Quick Tips](#) on the AZ UTRACS website



## Where is this in Arizona?

Sitting on the outskirts of the town is a huge building that is slowly mouldering into oblivion, no matter how much the town might be bouncing back. Visitors to town come to see the many historic houses and the artsy community, but they often bypass the crumbling hulk hidden not far from the town's free parking lot. And it may be for the better, considering that the aging building is probably super dangerous.

Nonetheless, some have dared venture to the rickety structure to observe the decay within. The lower floor is scattered with old lockers, broken ceiling pieces, and glass, providing access to a wobbly staircase that feels like it will collapse in from under your feet. The second story is equally, if not more, destroyed, with much of the ceiling fallen in. It may be wildly unsafe, and trespassing on the site is not recommended, but even from outside, the building is an impressive reminder of both how far a community can fall, and how resilient it can be.



## Get Involved: ADOT Disparity Study

The Arizona Department of Transportation is seeking public input on proposed goals for the percentage value of federal-aid contract dollars won by firms certified for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

ADOT encourages public participation and feedback on proposed goals.

We encourage the public to provide feedback about the proposed goals before the comment deadline on June 12, 2020. We also invite you to share this information with others so that we can obtain as much feedback as possible.

📞 Study Hotline (602) 730-0466

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### Introducing BECO

#### Gabiel Demarbiex, Contractor & Field Compliance Manager

Gabe began his career with ADOT in May 2006 as a Highway Construction Inspector before transitioning to a construction field office position. Over the years, Gabe quickly learned the role and responsibilities involved with contract administration/contract compliance and promoted to the Construction Field Office Manager. In his position as an Office Manager, Gabe became familiar with alternative delivery method projects such as Design Builds and the first 3P (Private, Public Partnership) project administered by ADOT, the South Mountain Freeway (SMF) Project.

He embraced new DBE compliance responsibilities during his time on the SMF Project which paved the way for him joining the BECO Compliance team as the Contractor and Field Compliance Manager in May 2018. Gabe is a native of Arizona and when not working he enjoys spending time with his family, watching his Cardinals play and obsessing with cars, specifically Cadillacs!



### Interstate 10 Broadway Curve Project Takes a Step Forward

#### Environmental Approval Allows ADOT to Advance Improvements

The Arizona Department of Transportation has been granted environmental approval to continue moving forward with plans to improve an 11-mile section of Interstate 10 that includes the Broadway Curve.

ADOT issued a Finding of No Significant Impact after completing a Final Environmental Assessment for the I-10 Broadway Curve project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Final Environmental Assessment includes comments from the community received during and after public meetings in February and October of 2019.

The project includes adding lanes between the I-17 "Split" interchange and the Loop 202 Santan/South Mountain Freeway, improving the interchange at US 60, replacing the

interchange at State Route 143 and making other improvements.

Currently, ADOT expects to begin construction in summer 2021. Work is scheduled to continue until late 2024.

To learn more about this project, please visit [azdot.gov/I10BroadwayCurve](https://azdot.gov/I10BroadwayCurve).

### Links and Contact Information

**For clickable links, please download the PDF version of the newsletter attached to the E-Mail**

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BECO LPA Website: [azdot.gov/business/business-engagement-and-compliance/lpa-subrecipients](https://azdot.gov/business/business-engagement-and-compliance/lpa-subrecipients)

Disparity Study Information: <https://azdot.gov/business/business-engagement-and-compliance/2020-dbe-disparity-study>

Interstate 10 Broadway Curve Information: [azdot.gov/I10BroadwayCurve](https://azdot.gov/I10BroadwayCurve)

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