

Welcome to the Acumen E-Newsletter, a recap of recent project highlights and staff updates from the Acumen Team.

Happy Spring from Acumen!

May your season be filled with fresh air, warm sunshine, and nurturing the seeds of new opportunities. This spring, and every spring, we're thankful for all your efforts, support and collaborative endeavors.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Proposal Coordinator **Riya Kumar**. Riya joined Acumen in November 2023 as someone new to the transportation industry and public transit, except as a regular rider. Now serving a key role developing Acumen's proposals and teaming packages, plus handling social media updates, she has grown over the past two years into an effective, key cog in Acumen's business development endeavors. Riya is a monster when it comes to meeting deadlines and doesn't shy from handling unique challenges head-on, always learning and improving. On top of that, she constantly brings great ideas — whether for team-building, operations, or just making Acumen a better place to work. Riya, we are so glad to have you here at Acumen and appreciate all your hard work to keep Acumen business development moving onward and upward!



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC): Project Management and Project Controls Services

Alameda CTC's \$3 billion capital program delivers local transportation improvements that create jobs, expand access and enhance mobility for Alameda County's 1.7 million residents. Acumen is a prime consultant managing several subconsultants and providing top-flight project management and project controls (PMPC) services to assist the agency in managing the program. Acumen also provides overall program management, programming support, project control system updates, project development and construction management oversight.



San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART): Design Services During Construction

BART is implementing a train control system to allow for more efficiency and effectiveness. The train control modernization program is a heavily integrated system that affects most areas within the BART system, including projects to meet ridership demands. Acumen is providing systems engineering support and design services during construction (DSDC), including field assessments for enabling works, as well as AutoCAD services and technical writing. Under the BART DSDC contract, Acumen performs engineering and procurement activities and addresses related issues associated with the implementation of the Design-

Build Contract for the installation of a Communications-Based Automatic Train Control System to replace the existing track circuit-based train control system



City of Oakland: Road Repair and Post-Construction Inspection Services

Acumen has provided road repair services and offered its construction inspection expertise to the City of Oakland on various street safety and roadway enhancement programs, including inspecting for sunken utilities after major construction projects, inspection for paving projects, and support for the Oakland Department of Transportation on its 2019 3-Year Plan and 2022 5-Year Paving Plan. These major Oakland streets programs focus on pavement rehabilitation and preventive maintenance treatments to optimize pavement condition and address safety for all users of the roadway, including pedestrians,

bicyclists, motorists, people with disabilities, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transit, seniors and children.

RECENT EVENTS

- January 10: SMART Grand Opening of the new Petaluma North Station (Petaluma, CA)
- January 30-31: CHSR Industry Forum: Advancing California High-Speed Rail (Sacramento, CA)
- February 6: Barbara Lee For Mayor Event (Oakland, CA)
- February 11: 2025 Mobility 21 Sacramento Legislative Reception (Sacramento, CA)
- February 20: Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (OMCC): Networking and Small Business Expo (Piedmont, CA)
- February 26: Port of OAK Event: 10th Annual PMSA-WIL State of the Port: Building for the Next Generation (Oakland, CA)
- February 28: Port of Oakland - Black History Month Celebration (Oakland, CA)
- March 10: US Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District: Business Opportunities Open House (Sausalito, CA)
- March 11: US Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District: Business Opportunities Open House (Sacramento, CA)
- March 13-14: Aviation Tech Forum 2025 (Sacramento, CA)

NEW FACES AT ACUMEN



Meet **Aaron Washington**, project controls assistant, a member of the Acumen team that supports Alameda CTC's crucial project management and project controls work. Aaron joined Acumen in June 2024 as a full-time employee and performs project controls services for projects in the agency's capital program. Since he came on board, Aaron has honed his skills and become a valued team member. He coordinates with project managers and support staff to enter and maintain project information in a Microsoft Access proprietary database. He assists with entering, updating and closing out projects, contracts and grants. He enters and updates invoice and purchase order data and enters and reclassifies costs as needed — all while maintaining effective communication with staff, consultants and stakeholders to ensure the agency's projects and deadlines stay on track. Thanks for all the timely support, Aaron, we and the transportation users of Alameda County are grateful for your efforts.



"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." — Audrey Hepburn

"Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful." — Jim Carrey

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