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## **Transbay Joint Powers Authority Recognized for Veteran Business Support**

**San Francisco, CA** – The Elite Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) Network presented the Radiant Eagle Award to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) on March 11, 2022 in San Francisco.

Ms. Nila Gonzales, TJPA chief of staff, accepted the crystal eagle sculpture award from the Elite’s representative Mr. Lavelle Jones, president of the Network’s Northern California chapter, during a ceremony at the TJPA’s Salesforce Transit Center. “The Transbay Joint Powers Authority very proudly and actively supports Disabled Veteran Business enterprises. Support of Military Service Veterans has been a core part of our outreach from the inception of the TJPA,” said Nila Gonzales, TJPA Chief of Staff.

The TJPA was recognized by the Elite SDVOB Network for support of a disabled veteran business enterprise (DVBE) and in creating opportunities for military service veterans during the construction of the new Salesforce Transit Center.

“We thank the Transbay Joint Powers Authority for their support of America’s veterans and veteran owned businesses,” said Jones, a veteran and design engineer with JJS Design Group of San Jose, “Your support provides job opportunities and work for so many veterans. Please accept this award as a token of our network’s nationwide appreciation.”

The TJPA provided opportunities to M.A. Steiner Construction, Inc., (MASCI) of Orangevale, California, a DVBE and an Elite Network member business. MASCI was awarded with a complex design build project by the TJPA at the Salesforce Transit Center. During construction, MASCI performed value engineering and provided back \$223,000 worth of credit and cost savings to the TJPA.

The TJPA is the owner and operator of the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center, which replaced the former Transbay Terminal that was damaged during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake with a modern transit hub. Completed in 2018, the Center connects nine Bay Area transit systems and riders from eight Bay Area counties; and provides a public rooftop park for all to enjoy through daily free activities. The TJPA is working to extend Caltrain and ultimately, California High-Speed Rail service, to the Salesforce Transit Center through the Downtown Rail Extension project, which will expand the Bay Area's integrated transportation system, bring communities closer and reduce climate change impacts.

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About the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA):

*The TJPA is owner and operator of the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center and is working to extend Caltrain and ultimately, California High-Speed Rail service from 4th and King streets to the Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco through the Downtown Rail Extension project.*

*The TJPA Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the City and County of San Francisco, including the Office of the Mayor, the SF Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the Board of Supervisors; the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit); the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board-Caltrain, composed of the City and County of San Francisco, the San Mateo County Transit District, and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority; the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA); and, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).*