What is the status of the construction of the new library?
DPW has awarded and certified a contract for the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) for the new Bayview library to KCK Builders.

Who is KCK Builders?
KCK Builders is based in the Bayview community. They recently completed the Junipero Serra Playground & Clubhouse renovation, the African American Arts & Cultural Complex renovation, and the Commodore Sloat Elementary School Modernization upgrade. Team members worked on the Bayview Police Station, Armstrong Place Condominiums, and AIMCO Housing.

What is being done to maximize local hiring opportunities?
The new Bayview library project is designed as a model of sustainability and 21st century library practices – we hope to also make it a model of employment and job creation in the community. DPW has demonstrated its commitment to maximize hiring from the Bayview community – by changing the bidding process, writing legislation to improve the chances of local hiring and by requiring all potential contractors to outline local hiring plans in detail.

What are the opportunities for local hiring?
With the CM/GC approach, the majority of the work and project budget goes to the subcontractors, who have yet to be selected. The CM/GC will advertise, bid, and award the Trade Subcontract Bid Packages, currently estimated at about $4.5 million. At that point, local trade contractors will bid for subcontracts. In addition, the CM/GC and the Subcontractors will work with City Build and their local organizations such as ABU to recruit local hires to work on the project.

How do I find out about hiring opportunities on the Bayview Branch Library project?
Check the BLIP website at www.sfpl.org for bid and hiring announcements.

When will the new library be built?
The project is scheduled to start construction in early 2011.

How do I find out more information?
Contact the Branch Library Improvement Program at 415-557-4662, www.sfpl.org, or BLIP@sfpl.org

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