

OMG COMPANY HISTORY - HOW WE GOT STARTED!

Founded in 1992 by Janice Bennett, arising out the 1992 civil disobedience in Los Angeles, Janice Bennett formed Opportunity Marketing Group-Contractor Referral Service to assist Local, Minority and disadvantaged businesses in obtaining construction and vendor/supplier contracts on Federal and State funded public works projects. Her vision was to help rebuild the communities that were damaged in the Los Angeles Riots. Janice understood that if Minority and Local businesses were given an opportunity to contracts, then Local and Disadvantaged workers would also be given an opportunity for employment. On August 12, 1993 Mobil Corporation reopened two service stations destroyed by fire during the Los Angeles riots. The mobile stations were rebuilt by local minority contractors who were supplied by Opportunity Marketing Group Contractors Referral Service. OMG also came to the aid of Now Construction General Contractor by referring African American construction workers to assist in the rebuilding of these stations. Opportunity Marketing Group has and continues to impact countless contractors and individuals, providing access to contract awards, jobs, training and public works compliance educational programs.

In 1994 the company began solidifying their reputation as experts in labor compliance program enforcement. Providing State Public Works compliance enforcement services to Keller Construction on the \$51 million New Lynwood High-School project and continuing that partnership enforcing Federal compliance for the \$50 million San Diego Navel Housing Project Chollas Heights project. In 1997 Jan brought her daughter Krisna Bennett on to assist in labor compliance enforcement monitoring and local hire requirements on the Iconic Staples Center Project and California Science Center with PCL Construction. From 1997 – 2016 Krisna and Jan provided monitoring and compliance enforcement services on several major projects and affordable housing projects such as; Toulton Courts Low Income Housing project & Cimarron Low Income Housing Project – *Golden Bear Construction*, Main Street Housing – *Alpha Construction*, Harbor Vista Development – *Dreyfuss Construction*, King Drew Magnet High-School – *PCL Construction*, Exposition Park DPSS – *McCarthy*, \$45 million Epicc Swim Stadium – *CW Driver*, Wisconsin Housing – *Walton Construction* and for many other projects, general contractors and awarding agencies throughout Southern and Northern California.



(Left) Jan Bennett (right) Mayor Richard Riordan. Jan Bennett is being presented with award from the City of Los Angeles for her stellar efforts and support while working with Rebuild L.A., the economic development organization created after the 1992 riots.



On-Site monitoring California Science Center, Jan and Krisna Bennett 1998