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director of the Danish Energy Agency, explained. Politicians and energy executives have long described natural gas as a bridge between our fossil fuel past and the clean energy future. Methane, when combusted, produces 50 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than coal and 20 percent less than oil, the International Energy Administration reports.

Governments love natural gas because horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing made North American natural gas a cheap way to cut carbon dioxide emissions. Electric power generators have shut down coal-fired power plants and replaced them with natural gas, wherever it is available.

After the Fukushima nuclear disaster, Japan began importing expensive liquefied natural gas to replace emission-free nuclear power plants. The United States went from exporting zero LNG in 2016 to becoming the world's largest supplier this year.

If Russia does not resume exports — and that's unlikely following the pipeline sabotage — European Union imports of LNG could rise 150 percent through 2040, according to energy consulting firm Rystad, a massive new market.

Europe could not have withstood Russia's natural gas boycott without U.S. LNG. America's oil and gas producers are the only thing keeping Putin from annexing not only Ukraine but also Georgia, Armenia and other former Soviet republics.

Environmentalists are quick to point out that the natural gas supply chain leaks enormous amounts of methane between the wellhead and the end user. The pipeline explosion's release is small



Freeport LNG

Europe can withstand Russia's natural gas boycott only with liquefied natural gas imports from U.S. oil and gas producers such as Houston's Freeport LNG, which went offline after an explosion.

potatoes compared to routine emissions from West Texas' Permian Basin.

Until natural gas producers can plug the leaks, their product is no better, and some say much worse than burning coal.

The medium-term need to limit greenhouse gas emissions is slamming up against the immediate need to keep Europeans warm.

Former Dallas Federal Reserve Bank chair Robert Kaplan argued at Rice University last week that the world should expand natural gas in the short term and phase it out when more renewable energy storage systems are available.

The challenge, he told the Baker Institute's Annual Energy Conference, is convincing corporations to invest billions in natural gas and



Associated Press

The tanker Sun Arrows loads its cargo of liquefied natural gas from the Sakhalin-2 project in the port of Prigorodnoye, Russia.

then expecting them to shut down profitable enterprises when they can still make money. And natural gas is very, very profitable these

days. The Henry Hub benchmark price for a million British Thermal Units has risen from \$1.73 before the first LNG ex-

ports to \$8.81 last month. European demand to replace Russian gas has sent U.S. prices skyrocketing.

Texas electricity and natural gas customers have already seen rates jump, and they will go higher if wholesale prices do not come down. Arguably, the only reason prices are not higher is that export facilities are maxed out and cannot send any more LNG to Europe, where utilities are paying \$172 a million Btus.

Drilling for natural gas is up 50 percent this year, according to Bloomberg financial data. But since European customers want responsibly sourced energy, drillers are spending millions to plug leaks and hiring a dozen companies to install detectors and certify that no methane is released.

Certifying so-called clean natural gas is critical for the Texas economy. Experts have offered dozens of forecasts predicting that demand for oil will peak by 2035, but demand for natural gas will remain. The commodity has many uses from providing electricity and heat to producing plastics and hydrogen.

A coalition of major fossil fuel companies plans to build a \$100 billion hydrogen hub in Houston to separate the hydrogen from natural gas, use that for energy, and then sequester the carbon under the Gulf of Mexico.

The plan is controversial, but it's another aspect of the uncertainty surrounding natural gas and Texas' economic future.

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The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) seeks to establish a broad range of "as-needed", indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity Job Order Contract (JOC) construction services from a licensed, experienced contractor(s) in the areas of minor construction/rehabilitation/renovation for a variety of HGACBuy Member properties as dictated by the specific needs of the HGACBuy member.

To view/download the solicitation documents visit: <https://www.h-gac.com/procurement> or ESBD@txsmartbuy.com

Response Deadline: November 10, 2022 @ 12:00 P.M. CST

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(RFP-2424) PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION EQUIPMENT FOR CONTAINER YARDS 6 AND 7 AT BARBOURS CUT TERMINAL

NO PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FOR THIS PROCUREMENT.

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Brookstone, L.P., acting as Construction Manager-At-Risk on behalf of Spring Branch Independent School District, will receive proposals from subcontractors and suppliers.

PROJECT: Woodview Elementary School for Spring Branch Independent School District

This project consists of the demolition of the existing Woodview Elementary School and the construction of a new 103,000 square foot elementary school on the existing site. Existing Library building and Gymnasium building to remain and be renovated. Scope of work includes classrooms, offices, outdoor play structure, cafeteria, kitchen, ancillary spaces, site work, parking, playgrounds, and other work as described in the contract documents.

OWNER: Spring Branch Independent School District

PROPOSAL TIME & DATE: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 2:00 PM

QUESTIONS: Written questions should be addressed to Karli Atkinson, katkinson@brookstone-tx.com

LOCATION AND PROPOSAL OPENING: Construction Manager Brookstone, L.P. 3715 Dacoma Street Houston, TX 77092 Phone: 713.425.0751 Fax: 713.680.0088 Attention: Karli Atkinson Email: katkinson@brookstone-tx.com

Proposal documents are available and may be obtained via Brookstone's SmartBid account or by email request to Marisol Esparza at mesparza@brookstone-tx.com.

A pre-proposal meeting and site visit are scheduled for October 5, 2022 at 3:30 PM. This meeting and site visit are required for all demolition subcontractors but optional for all other trades. Meet at the main entrance to the school at 9749 Cedarvale Drive, Houston, TX 77055.

The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any technicalities in the proposal process.

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SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES (RFP).

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(RFP-2435) MAINTENANCE TECHINCAL TRAINING FOR BARBOURS CUT AND BAYPORT CONTAINER TERMINALS

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FOR THIS PROCUREMENT ON OCTOBER 4, 2022 AT 10:00AM VIA WEBEX. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE UPLOADED ON BUYSPEED LATER.

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IFB No. 4022000182: Purchase and Delivery of Cummins Sensors and Fuel Pumps for METRO's Transit Vehicles. Solicitation will be available on or about 10/03/2022.

Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <https://webapps.ridemetro.org/procurement/solicitations.aspx>.

If you are unable to download the documents or are having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 652-8632 or email propertyservices@ridemetro.org

Request for Proposals RFP #22-06 Utility Allowance Study

Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) is accepting proposals from qualified consulting firms to conduct a Utility Allowance Study for HCHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program. Interested proposer(s) can download the RFP and all amendments from the HCHA website (www.hchatexas.org).

Prospective proposer(s) desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation must submit the request in writing no later than 4:00 PM (CST), October 17, 2022, ATTN: Harris County Housing Authority, Beverly Burroughs at beverly.burroughs@hchatexas.org. Proposals must be received by HCHA no later than October 28, 2022 at 4:00 PM (CST).

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DRAW ACADEMY (CE), a Non-profit 501 (c)3, Open Enrollment Charter School, announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) for National School Lunch & Breakfast Program Catering Services for School Year 2022-23 to our School locations at 3920 Stoney Brook Dr., 3903 Stoney Brook Dr. and 7914 Westglen Dr. Houston, TX 77063. Interested vendors can submit a proposal for this service. The deadline for submitting a proposal is 10/25/2022 at 12 P.M. The final decision will be communicated to all interested bidders no later than 10/31/2022 to start services 11/14/2022 to 06/16/2023. To receive the RFP specs and conditions e-mail Ms. Michelle Castillo, Program Coordinator at mcastillo@drawacademy.org or download from our webpage at drawacademy.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Friendship Education Foundation Board of Directors will conduct an informational meeting for the public on Thursday, October 13, 2022, from 6:00-7:30 pm, to provide details and information regarding a proposed K-5 tuition-free public open-enrollment charter school named Friendship Aspire Leadership Academy for Boys and Girls. The meeting will be held at Space 5, located at 3204 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020. Participants will learn more about what our proposed school has to offer the community. The board members of Friendship Education Foundation, the sponsoring entity, are Donald Hense, Kenneth Campbell and Gilbert Delome.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PATIENTS OF DR. HOWARD DILLARD, JR.

AS OF THIS DATE, DR. HOWARD DILLARD JR.'S MEDICAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CLOSED AND PATIENT RECORDS WILL BE DESTROYED 30 DAYS FROM THIS DATE PER THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD'S RULE 165.4(E)(F): "THE CUSTODIAN OF PATIENT FILES SHALL RETAIN CARE OF THE RECORDS FOR NO LESS THAN 90 DAYS (WHICH HAS BEEN FULFILLED) AND SHALL PUBLISH APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PENDING DESTRUCTION OF THE RECORDS FOR NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SECURE AND CONFIDENTIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE RECORDS"

Contact Information: howdillalavjr@gmail.com or Allison Dillard P. O. Box 591156 Houston, TX 7725

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO DISCUSS SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Spring Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., October 11, 2022, in the Board Room, Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center 16717 Ella Blvd., Houston, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Spring Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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