

DANCING WITH THE STARS

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Kenneth Gayle and Schwanna McCarthy share a proud moment onstage as they accept their *Dancing with the Houston Stars: Golden Edition* trophies.



Newly crowned Female Champion Erica Davis Rouse stands with partner Dwayne Cook Jr. following their standout performance.

CLASSIFIEDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO)

Notice is hereby given that the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO), will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.** to receive public comment on the proposed February 2026 changes to METRO service. The public is invited to attend the hearing and provide comments in person.

The public may also join the hearing and provide comments virtually on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85898588368> or by dialing: **346-248-7799** or **888-475-4499** (toll-free), meeting ID: **858 9858 8368**. Additionally, if you do not want to provide comments during the public hearing, visit [RideMETRO.org/LiveStream](https://www.metrotransit.org/LiveStream) to view a livestream of the event. A video recording of the hearing will also be archived on the same page.

The proposed service changes may include:
Route changes to bus route 500; schedule changes to bus routes 6, 9, 28, 56, 82, 99, 153, 217, 221, 222, 228, 265, and 270; and elimination of bus routes 64, 402, and Z-Trip.

Copies of proposed route maps and available timetables will be available beginning on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, for public review both online and in the lobby of the METRO RideStore located in the Lee P. Brown METRO Administration Building at 1900 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The public hearing on **Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.** will be held in the 2nd floor boardroom at 1900 Main Street, Houston, Texas (served by bus routes 6, 11, 35, 44, 51, 52, 54, 82, 85, 102, 137, 161, 162, and METRORail).

HOW TO COMMENT ABOUT THE SERVICE CHANGES
If you would like to make public comments in person or virtually, **please register as a public speaker with the METRO Board Office at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Call 713-739-4834 or send an email to BoardOffice@RideMETRO.org and provide your name, address and telephone number.** As explained above, you may attend the public hearing in person or virtually on **Thursday, December 4, 2025**, to provide comments. If you pre-register, your comments will be heard first at the public hearing. Your name will be called at the appropriate time to make your comments.

You may also provide comments by:

- Writing to us at METRO, ATTN: February 2026 Service Changes, 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002
- Faxing comments with a subject line referencing "February 2026 Service Changes" to 713-652-7956
- Calling or texting METRO Customer Contact Center at 713-635-4000
- Submitting comments on the METRO website at [RideMETRO.org](https://www.metrotransit.org)

All comments should be submitted to METRO by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
For individuals with disabilities, assistive services or copies of public documents in an alternate format can be provided. Individuals with impairments may call **713-750-4271** a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the public hearing.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE
Upon request, METRO provides free language assistance to help patrons who have a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English, in accordance with its language assistance plan. Please call **713-739-4018** or email METROPublicAffairs@RideMETRO.org to request language assistance or other accommodations at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

OTHER

1. This public hearing conforms to requirements described in the Federal Transit Administration's Circular 9030.1E, published January 16, 2014, page VI-7.
2. METRO does not discriminate based on disability in the admission or access to, or in treatment or employment in, its services, programs, and activities.
3. METRO is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its transit services based on race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



Urban Souls founder Harrison Guy joins Schwanna McCarthy, Kenneth Gayle, Erica Davis Rouse, and Dwayne Cook Jr. onstage as the champions proudly display their trophies.

"I hope I am a good student. I played sports my whole life, so I do not mind being coached. I trust her. She knows what to do," he said, laughing as he described working with his partner and choreographer, Anaya, during rehearsals at the Deluxe Theater just days before the performance.

"Every time I thought I was getting comfortable, she would throw something new in there. I had to fix my face and get in game mode. We were running out of time, and I needed to get it together."

HELP WANTED

PETROPHYSICIST STAFF
Occidental Petroleum Corp. has a job oppty for a Petrophysicist Staff. Postn based in Houston, TX. Hybrid postn requiring wrk in the ofc w the ability to telecommute on days when not in the ofc. Email resume w/Ref # 8038591 to ApplyForOxyJob@Oxy.com. Must be legally auth to work in the U.S. w/o spnshrshp. EOE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Enterprise Solutions – Airport Operations Equipment, Services, and Materials – AO04-26
H-GAC is soliciting responses for the selection of qualified manufacturers, distributors, installers and service providers of Airport Operations Equipment, Services, and Materials and to make these types of products and services available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program under blanket type contracts.
To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notices> or [ESBD \(txsmartbuy.com\)](https://www.esbd.com).
Response Deadline: January 15, 2026 @ 12:00 P.M. CT

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Permit (BG) by Arnoldo Ramirez, doing business as La Colombiana, to be located at 1407 Spencer Hwy, Unit C, South Houston, Harris County, TX. Owner of said business: Arnoldo Ramirez, Sole Proprietor.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC. 2024-2025 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will hold a public hearing at 6:30 P.M. CST, on December 16, 2025, located at 5857 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77057. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. 2024-2025 rating on the state's financial accountability system based on 2024-2025 data.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Request for Qualifications to Provide Construction Management and Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Various Projects for OST / Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority - COH TIRZ 7
SCOPE
OST / Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority TIRZ 7 (Authority) is seeking qualifications from professional engineering firms for Construction Management (CM) and Construction Engineering and Inspection services (CEI) for various projects for the Authority. The projects will include CM and CEI services for roads, sidewalks, drainage, water, wastewater, mobility, parks, traffic and facility infrastructure improvement projects.
The RFQ can be obtained online from www.civcastusa.com; search OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority TIRZ #7. Firms must register on the CivCast website to view and/or download specifications and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.
RFQ SCHEDULE

RFQ Publication Date on CivCast	November 21, 2025
Pre-Proposal Conference Date & Time	December 2, 2025, at 2:00PM CST
Last Date to Submit Questions	December 5, 2025, before 5:00 PM CST
Responses posted to Civcast	December 9, 2025
SOQ Submittal Due Date	December 12, 2025, before 5:00 PM CST

PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE
There will be a non-mandatory pre-submittal conference on December 2, 2025, at 2:00 PM CST. The meeting will be held on Teams. Instructions will be posted on CivCast prior to the meeting.
It is the responsibility of each vendor to examine the entire RFQ package, seek clarification in writing, and review their submittal for accuracy before submitting. Questions relating to this RFQ must be submitted in writing to HHolliday@OSTAlameda.com with a copy to: Projects@OSTAlameda.com. All questions submitted in writing prior to the deadline will be compiled and answered in writing. The Authority will not be bound by any information conveyed verbally.
Mr. Hexser Holliday
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OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority TIRZ #7
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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Houston Independent School District is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) via the District's electronic bidding portal. Proposers may log in to view specifications and submit their responses at the following link <https://houstonisd.ionwave.net/Login.aspx> until 2:00 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, January 7, 2026, for the following solicitation for the following projects:
RFP 26-11-07 On-site Intensive Behavior Classroom Operation
Pre-proposal conferences via Microsoft Teams will be held in conjunction with this RFP. Information regarding dates, times, and a link to join the meeting can be located within the electronic bidding portal under the "Event Details" tab specific to this solicitation.

LEGAL NOTICE

Choice Partners (CP), a division of Harris County Department of Education (HCDE), is a national cooperative that will be accepting proposals in response to the following Request for Proposals (RFP). Interested proposers may go to www.choicepartners.org and register to download the solicitation or call 877-696-2122.
• RFP 26/005SG for Bus Fleet Modifications, Upgrades, and Related Items are due by Friday, December 19th 2025 @ 2:30 PM CT.
All proposals must be submitted via the HCDE online eBid System at the following link: <https://hcdeebid.ionwave.net>.
Proposals will be opened via Zoom; Information regarding dates, times, and a link to join the meeting is located within the eBid System under the "Activities" tab specific to the solicitation.