

POLITICS

President plays to his base



Andrew Harnik / Associated Press

Children in the audience listen as President Donald Trump speaks at a rally Saturday in Murphysboro, Ill. Trump addressed the Future Farmers of America convention before the rally for U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, who is in a tight re-election race with Democrat Brendan Kelly and Randy Auxier of the Green Party.

Iran hawks contend sanctions too weak

Critics complain
vow of maximum
pressure not met

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President Donald Trump rallied with Sen. Ted Cruz on Monday in Houston, but Cruz is leading the push for tougher sanctions against Iran.

rope, Asia and elsewhere that do not halt Iranian oil imports. They could also include measures to force Iran out of SWIFT.

Despite Trump's tough stance, the hawks are worried about recent comments from Treasury Secretary Stephen Mnuchin and his staff that suggest Iran will be able to stay connected to SWIFT. They are also concerned the administration will back down on its stated zero-tolerance policy for Iranian oil purchases by granting waivers to certain countries and companies that do not stop buying it.

Iran deal supporters, like the other parties to the agreement, argue that pushing Iran out of SWIFT, the Belgium-based Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, will lead to the creation of alternate mechanisms that could supplant it as the leading global institution for financial institutions to send and receive information about banking transactions. They also say expulsion will make it harder for Iran to conduct transactions, such as humanitarian purchases, that will be allowed after Nov. 5.

Allowing Iran to remain in SWIFT would make it easier for Tehran to import humanitarian goods like medicine permitted under U.S. sanctions and "would help the United States make clear that its critique of Iran is directed at the regime, not the people of Iran," said Elizabeth Rosenberg, a former Treasury official now with the Center for a New American Security. She added, though, that disconnection would be a "fast track" to isolation.

The debate underscores the challenges the administration faces as it tries to isolate Iran without the full backing of other world powers who remain supportive of the nuclear deal.

Although the hawks had been pleased by Trump's decision to withdraw from the nuclear deal in May and cheered the August re-imposition of an initial set of sanctions, they are seething that Treasury might opt to use existing safeguards to isolate Iran instead of hitting SWIFT members with sanctions if they don't

disconnect Tehran. Treasury has been coy about its intentions, saying only that Mnuchin and the agency have led "an intense economic pressure campaign against Iran as part of this administration's comprehensive strategy to address the totality of Iran's malign and destabilizing activity, with much more to come."

"Treasury has made it very clear that we will continue to cut off bad Iranian actors, including designated banks, from accessing the international financial system in a number of different ways," it said. "We will also take action against those attempting to conduct prohibited transactions with sanctioned Iranian entities regardless of the mechanisms used."

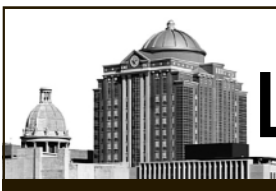
Cruz a leading hawk

That less-than-categorical position has rallied the hawks around the legislation prepared by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, that would require the administration to impose sanctions on SWIFT members, including some U.S. banks, should it not suspend Iran on its own.

Federal law gives the administration authority to act against Iran's central bank and other banks covered by terrorism and money laundering sanctions. But Cruz's legislation would authorize the administration to hit all of Iran's banks with sanctions and require it to act against SWIFT if it connects any Iranian bank under sanctions to its system, according to a copy seen by the AP.

In August, Cruz led a group of 16 GOP senators, including Trump Republican allies Tom Cotton of Arkansas, Marco Rubio of Florida, Thom Tillis of North Carolina and John Barrasso of Wyoming, in demanding action against SWIFT if Iran is not suspended. Congressional aides say they believe support for his proposed legislation will be strong.

"The administration's maximum pressure campaign will not succeed if the Islamic Republic remains connected to SWIFT," the senators told Mnuchin.



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**Bid Proposal Invitation-San Jacinto College
Longenecker Building Renovation**

BID DATE: November 15, 2018 **TIME:** 2:00 PM CT

START DATE: December 2018 **END DATE:** December 2020

PROJECT CONTACT: Mickey Gammenthaler @ mgammenthaler@flintco.com

PROJECT VALUE: \$13,500,000.00

DESCRIPTION: MEP and Life Safety upgrades throughout the building. There is also some architectural improvements that will take place during construction. This building will remain occupied while construction is ongoing. This invitation is limited to the divisions below. The remaining scope of work will be bid out once the documents are finalized.

Flintco, LLC are soliciting proposals from Subcontractors and Suppliers for the San Jacinto College - Longenecker Building Renovation. The following bid division are currently out for bid:

Division 8 - Openings and Glass	Division 21 - Fire Suppression (Including site water)
Division 22 - Plumbing	Division 23 - HVAC
Division 26 - Electrical	

All other divisions will be bid out at a later date.

Proposals by fax 281-767-6301, email-Houstanbids@flintco.com or delivered to Flintco's office at 2950 North Loop West, Suite 450, Houston TX 77092 are due 11/15/18 @ 2:00 PM.

Documents will be available via SmartBidNet.com, AGC, and Builder's Exchange.

All Bidders are requested to reach out to Flintco to be signed up for our SmartBid distribution.

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RFP #YP2018 - YES PREP WHITEOAK CAMPUS ROOF REPLACEMENT - P017"

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. (CST) on **November 8, 2018** for YES Prep Public Schools. Opening will be at 2:00 p.m. on NOVEMBER 8, 2018 at 5515 South Loop East, Suite B, Houston, TX 77033. Proposals will not be accepted after this time. Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"YES PREP WHITEOAK CAMPUS ROOF REPLACEMENT -P017"**. Specifications for the RFP may be obtained at: <http://www.yesprep.org/notices>.

Gamma Construction invites you to propose on the Alvin Independent School District New Junior High School # 8 - Phase I (Civil / Earthwork / Site Utilities / Structural Steel (only)). The proposals are due on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Please have your proposal either emailed (phaynes@gammaconst.com), faxed, hand delivered or called in by 2:00 p.m. to Gamma Construction attention Pam Haynes. There will be a pre-proposal meeting Wednesday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Gamma Construction's office, 2808 Joanel, Houston, Texas 77027. This is not mandatory but highly encouraged. All plans are available at Houston AGC, ABC, Dodge, ISOFT and Gamma's FTP site. 713-963-0086, fax # 713-963-0961. Alvin Independent School District and Gamma Construction reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Proposals.

LEGAL NOTICES

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS GALVESTON DIVISION

RMS MV BRUTUS LLC, et al,
Petitioners,
VS.
UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS.
Claimant.

NOTICE OF ACTION BROUGHT FOR EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Notice is hereby given that RMS MV Brutus LLC and Ryan Marine Services, Inc. have filed a complaint pursuant to 46 U.S.C. xx30501 et seq. claiming the right to exoneration from or limitation of liability for all claims, loss, damage, injury, death, or destruction arising out of the illness of Capt. Greg Gutierrez onboard the M/V BRUTUS on or about July 12, 2017 and/or otherwise arising out of the the voyage in which the M/V BRUTUS was engaged at the time through July 16, 2017. All persons having any claims arising out of the illness of Capt. Greg Gutierrez onboard the M/V BRUTUS on or about July 12, 2017 and/or otherwise arising out of the the voyage in which the M/V BRUTUS was engaged at the time through July 16, 2017, must file them, under oath, as provided in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk of the Court at the United States Courthouse, Galveston, Texas, and serve on or mail to RMS MV Brutus LLC and Ryan Marine Services, Inc.'s attorney, David R. Walker, ROYSTON, RAYZOR, VICKERY & WILLIAMS, L.L.P., The Hunter Building, 306-22nd Street, Suite 301 Galveston, Texas 77550-1589, a copy thereof on or before the 10th day of November, 2018 or be defaulted. Personal attendance is not required. Any Claimant desiring to contest the allegations of RMS MV Brutus LLC and Ryan Marine Services, Inc. must file an answer to the Complaint, as required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Orders of this Honorable Court on or before the 10th day of November, 2018 and serve a copy thereof on or mail to the attorneys for RMS MV Brutus LLC and Ryan Marine Services, Inc.

SIGNED at Galveston, Texas, this 27th day of September, 2018

By: /s/ Clerk of Court

LEGAL NOTICE

BakerRipley, a non-profit human services organization, announces a Request for Proposal (RFP) #18-16 for **Pest Control Services**.

The RFP will be posted on our website at <http://www.bakerripley.org/about/vendors> on **October 29, 2018**.

A **"Mandatory"** Vendor's Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 2:00 PM (CDT)**, email tsmith@bakerripley.org to confirm your attendance.

Interested Vendors can submit a proposal for Pest Control Services to tsmith@bakerripley.org.


The deadline for submitting a proposal is **Friday, November 30, 2018 by 10:00 am (CST)**.

BAKERRIPLEY ENCOURAGES SMALL AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES TO APPLY.

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA), is soliciting sealed responses with the intent to establish a contract for Architectural and Engineering Firm(s) for projects/services relating to new construction, reconstruction, and major rehabilitation

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents in a sealed envelope by 4 P.M. CDT, November 12, 2018 to Houston Housing Authority (HHA) Attn: Orfelía Altuna, Subject: QBS 18-29 Architectural and Engineering Firm(s) for projects/services relating to new construction, reconstruction, and major rehabilitation DO NOT OPEN 2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057.

QBS 18-29 can be obtained by going to the doing business with HHA section of HHA's website at www.housingforhouston.com, or by sending an e-mail to HHA's Procurement Dept. at Purchasing@housingforhouston.com with QBS 18-29 in the subject line.

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The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.

RFP No. 4019000003: Deep Cleaning of METRO Rail Platforms; Deep Cleaning and Sweeping of Transit Centers and Park & Rides; Annual Deep Cleaning of Texas Medical Center and Downtown Transit Centers. Solicitation will be available on or about 10/22/2018.

Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/>. If you are unable to download the documents or are having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

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RFP No. 4019000013: Disparity Study. Solicitation will be available on or about 10/29/2018.

RFP No. 4019000008: SAP HANA Implementation . Solicitation will be available on or about 10/31/2018.

IFB No. 4018000236: Moody Park Driveway Project . Solicitation will be available on or about 10/29/2018.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Collaborative for Children are accepting proposals for RFP-112019-0-2019/CG Medical Dual Option (effective January 1, 2019)

The proposal is located at www.demandstar.com. Search demandstar.com for RFP-112019-0-2019/CG.

Sealed request for proposals addressed to Spring Branch Independent School District, ATTN: Director of Purchasing will be received in the SBISD Purchasing Office at 1031 Witte Rd, BLDG T-1A, Houston, TX 77055-6016 until:

JANUARY 10, 2019 @ 10:00 AM FOR: ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS MATERIALS AND SERVICES (12577)

Sealed request for proposals will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Road, Building T-1A, Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals.

For information contact the SBISD Purchasing Proposers may download documents from SBISD website on or after 10/22/2018 at: <https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/departments/finance/purchasing/bids-proposals>.

Sealed request for proposals addressed to Spring Branch Independent School District, ATTN: Director of Purchasing will be received in the SBISD Purchasing Office at 1031 Witte Rd, BLDG T-1A, Houston, TX 77055-6016 until:

DECEMBER 5, 2018 @ 2:00 PM FOR: ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR BEVERAGE VENDING AND DISTRIBUTION (13055)

Sealed request for proposals will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Road, Building T-1A, Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals.

For information contact the SBISD Purchasing Department at (713) 251-1136

Proposers may register on IonWave website on or after 10/22/2018 at: <https://springbranchisd.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

KLEIN ISD SECURITY VESTIBULES

The Klein Independent School District will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals from qualified contractors until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, at the K.I.S.D. Administration Building, 7200 Spring-Cypress Road, Klein, Texas, 77379, Room 214. Scope of work includes addition and modifications to introduce security vestibules to 19 elementary school campuses. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held Wednesday, October 31st, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. K.I.S.D. Administration Building, Room 215. Plans and specifications will be released Friday, October 26th, 2018. Plans and specifications can be obtained with \$250.00 deposit (per set), two (2) set maximum, from PBK Architects, Inc., 11 Greenway Plaza, 22nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77046 (713) 965-0608. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION

SPRING CYPRESS ROAD AT WOODS-SPILLANE BOULEVARD

PROPOSAL #18-08-5426R-RFP - 2018 TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR SPRING CYPRESS RD AT WOODS-SPILLANE BLVD

The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Windermere Administrative Annex, 12510 Windermere Road, Houston, Texas 77064. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the above location. Proposal Evaluation Criteria are published in the "Instructions to Offerors" section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be released Monday, October 22, 2018, and will be available electronically from Traffic Engineers, Inc. upon request. The Owner reserves the right to waive Any Informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

Klein I.S.D. Facility and School Services Department is accepting competitive sealed proposals for the **2018 MEP Project** on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. The approximate budget for this project is \$5 million. Proposals will be received at the Klein ISD Central Office, Room 214, 7200 Spring Cypress Road, Klein, TX 77379. Prequalification requirements and proposal documents may be obtained from Salas-O'Brien Engineers, Inc., 10930 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. N., Suite 900, Houston, TX 77064 (281) 664-1900. The Klein Independent School District reserves the right to postpone, to accept or reject any or all request for proposals as it deems to be in its best interest, and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities in this proposal.

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**State of Connecticut
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Order of Notice**

Notice to: John Richards, formerly of Friendswood, TX and presently of parts unknown. A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person. The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parent rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on 12/4/18 at 2:00pm at SCJM, 978 Hartford Pike, Waterford, CT 06385. Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately, up receipt, in the: The Houston Chronicle, P.O. Box 4260, Houston, TX 77210 a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of: Friendswood, TX. Name of Judge: Hon. John C. Driscoll Deputy Chief Clerk: Lisa Rinato Date: 10/24/18 Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure that an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is to be held.