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Grady Prestage speaking at opening of Missouri City Landmark Community Center

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subcontractor Bid Solicitation -

United Airlines Terminal B Transformation – WPA 3,4,5

Manhattan Construction as Construction Manager at Risk for United Airlines is soliciting proposals from subcontractors (including MWBE firms) for construction of the new Terminal B at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). The proposed Terminal B Transformation is located at 2800 North Terminal Road, Houston, TX 77032. The work includes a 730,000 SF new terminal building, and approximately 35 acres of sitework. This work package includes:

- WPA N3 – (bids due 1/16/24) MEP, Glass, Roofing, Jetbridges
- WPA N4 – (bids due 1/12/24) Earthwork, Concrete, Below Grade WP
- WPA N5 – (bids due 1/15/24) Structural Steel

Proposals for these packages are due at 3:00 pm CST on dates noted above and shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions to bidder to Manhattan Construction via BuildingConnected. For more information and to obtain access to the documents please email acantu@manhattanconstruction.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

Choice Partners (CP), a national purchasing cooperative and division of the Harris County Department of Education, has issued the following Requests for Proposals (RFPs):

- **RFP 24/021SG – Health and Wellness Screening and Related Services**
Proposals must be received by **Thursday, January 11, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m. central time.**
- **RFP 24/022AK – Commodity Processing of USDA Foods**
Proposals must be received by **Friday, January 12, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m. central time.**

All proposals must be submitted via the **HCDE online eBid System** at <https://hcdeebid.ionwave.net>. Interested proposers may go to www.choicepartners.org and/or call 877-696-2122 for more information.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Houston Independent School District Purchasing Services Department located at 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, TX 77092 is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) via the District's electronic bidding portal. Proposers may login to view specifications and submit their responses at the following link <https://houstonisd.ionwave.net/Login.aspx> until 12:00 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, January 31, 2024, for the following solicitation:

RFP 24-11-09 Purchase of Small Engine Equipment & Repairs

Information regarding dates, times, and instructions to receive a link to join the meeting can be located within the electronic bidding portal under the "Event Details" tab specific to this solicitation.

NOTICE OF RESULTS OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF HOUSTON
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS
BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION (HYBRID HEARING)
NOTICE OF RESULTS

On Wednesday, DECEMBER 6TH, 2023, a public hearing was held before the Building and Standards Commission pursuant to subchapter C of Chapter 54 of the Tex. Loc. Gov't Code and Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas. The Orders are recorded in the Real Property Records in Harris County and may be obtained at 201 Caroline, 3rd Floor, Houston, TX 77002. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission entered the following fact findings for the following properties located at:

2732 DE SOTO STREET (DETACHED GARAGE), 77091; Legally described as LTS 5 & 6 NUBEN; Last known owner: AMOS VELMA L ESTATE OF. [Hearing was dismissed at the request of the city.]

12890 GREENS BAYOU STREET (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77015; Legally described as TR 10B BLK 9 GREENS BAYOU PARK; Last known owner: MAGALLANES GILBERTO. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to secure from unauthorized entry within thirty (30) days, obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

5907 RIDGEWAY DRIVE (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77033; Legally described as LT 35 BLK 25 EDGEWOOD SEC 4; Last known owner: BROOKS ORA LEE ESTATE OF. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to secure from unauthorized entry within thirty (30) days, obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

2524 WALCOTT LANE (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77088; Legally described as LT 17 BLK 14 HIGHLAND ACRE HOMES ANNEX 4; Last known owner: GAINOUS FORESE ESTATE OF. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

11402 BLADES STREET (SHED), 77016; Legally described as LT 14 BLK 8 NORTHWOOD MANOR SEC 2; Last known owner: AVILA CLAUDIA. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to secure from unauthorized entry within thirty (30) days, obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

7901 TALTON STREET (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77028; Legally described as LTS 326 & 327 BLK 19 PARKHURST ESTATES SEC 2 ; Last known owner: RODRIGUEZ GIL ALCIDES TRUJILLO. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

230 HAHLO STREET (DETACHED GARAGE), 77020; Legally described as LTS 33 & 34 BLK 102 DENVER; Last known owner: MARTINEZ MARIA DE LA LU ESTATE OF. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

7835 BELGARD STREET (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77033; Legally described as T 9 BLK 14 BELFORD PARK SEC 2; Last known owner: TWO- W INVESTMENTS COMPANY. [An order was issued requiring all persons to vacate the structure within (7) days, the owner/lien holder to secure from unauthorized entry within thirty (30) days, obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

1311 ALBER STREET (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77009; Legally described as LT 11 BLK 63 RYON; Last known owner: GARCIA RAMONA ESTATE OF. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to secure from unauthorized entry within thirty (30) days, obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

4207 CHARTRES ST 9 (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77004; Legally described as LTS 1 & 2 & TRS 9 & 9A BLK 4 HOLMAN OUTLOT 66; Last known owner: AK CAPITAL 9 LLC. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to secure from unauthorized entry within thirty (30) days, obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

8615 VALLEY SOUTH DRIVE (MAIN STRUCTURE), 77004; Legally described as LT 28 BLK 1 VERDE FOREST SEC 1; Last known owner: PFIRMAN RICHARD L. [An order was issued requiring the owner/lien holder to secure from unauthorized entry within thirty (30) days, obtain a permit within sixty (60) days, and complete repairs or demolition of this structure within ninety (90) days in accordance with Dangerous Building Requirements of Chapter 10 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.]

partner in a marketing consulting firm, as part of his career journey.

Upon arriving in Fort Bend County, Prestage immediately got involved in civic and community organizations across the county, and after observing the rapid growth and demographic changes that created opportunities for Blacks to serve in public office—positions that would represent the new communities in East Fort Bend County—he decided to pursue public office.

Once elected in 1986, Prestage learned quickly that taking on this new role—as a neophyte politician, Democrat, and being the first African American in that seat since Reconstruction—would prove challenging and require him to step up his game.

Prestage shared some of those challenges with the Forward Times.

“The biggest challenges that I have faced in my public service career have come from having to operate in the political minority for an extended period of time,” said Prestage. “Other challenges have involved making sure that the minority community is heard and that the needs of traditionally underserved areas are addressed.”

Prestage believed that he had more work to do in the role and didn't want to be a one-hit-wonder, so he started the holiday Black Tie Party in 1987, to keep his name identification high for a second run for county commissioner.

“I always wanted to go to an event where people dressed up,” said Prestage. “I thought it would be a nice tradition to start in Fort Bend County. The event has far exceeded my expectations.”

Prestage tells the Forward Times that he enjoys being involved in creating opportunities for citizens as well as being a catalyst for the growth and development of public infrastructure, programs, and services. He believes he still has much more to do before leaving the office.

“I have so much more to do,” said Prestage.

Some of the key goals that Prestage wants to accomplish before leaving office include:

- The extension of the Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road across the Brazos River to connect with US 59
- The development of a Fort Bend County Convention & Conference Center with a full-service hotel at the Fort Bend Epicenter campus
- Completing Mobility and Parks Bond projects recently that were recently approved by Fort Bend County voters
- Establishing a Fort Bend County minority business development program
- The redevelopment of the Fresno community

When asked who his greatest inspirations have been, Prestage was quick to mention his parents.

“My parents, Dr Jewel Prestage and Dr James Prestage, have been my biggest influence in my career as a public servant,” said Prestage. “They set a good example of how to be involved, informed, insightful and reverent. My parents were also the consummate mentors. I find mentoring to be very rewarding and gratifying.”

Prestage states that, for him, legacy is important, and he strives to add to his daily.

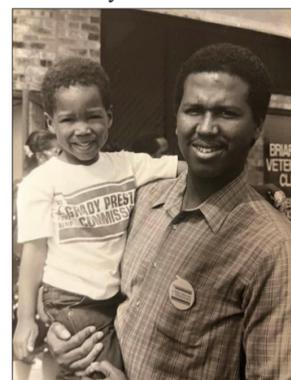
“I would like to be remembered as the most effective County Commissioner in the history of Fort Bend County,” said Prestage. “I would also like to be recognized as the longest serving County Commissioner in the history of Fort Bend County, along with being thought of as a kind and decent person, who was a skilled politician and used his talents for the greater good.”

When it comes to advice that he would give any young, aspiring African Americans seeking to follow his career/political path, Prestage was straight-forward with his response.

“My career advice to young, aspiring professionals, regardless of one's specific path, is to understand that success is about both ‘Competence and Relationships’,” said Prestage. “Learn your craft or vocation and remember that relationships really do matter.”

Prestage, who is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas, also serves as the President of the Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), the Alliance for I-69 Texas, Central Houston Student Housing Inc., the Houston Area Water Corporation, the City of Houston Planning Commission, and is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum. Former Texas Governor Ann Richards appointed Prestage to the Board of Regents for the Lamar University System and the Texas County and District Retirement System.

Prestage represents Fort Bend County Precinct 2, which includes portions of Houston, Missouri City, and Stafford. He is married to his wife, Fheryl, and they have two children—one son, Dustin, and one daughter, Erin.



Grady Prestage and son, Dustin

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Public Services – Sewer/Storm Water, Hydro-Excavating Equipment and Related Services – SC06-24

H-GAC is soliciting responses for selecting qualified manufacturers, dealers, distributors, and service providers for sewer/storm water line cleaning, maintenance, and inspection, hydro-excavating equipment, and sewer/storm water line related services 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 txsmartbuy.com/esbd.

Response Deadline: January 25, 2024 @ 12:00 P.M. CST

HELP WANTED

Technical Lead/Software Developer for Luxoft USA, Inc. in Houston, TX. Perform code review and architecture/design documents review. Provide development services and guarantee high-quality delivery. Requires: BS + 2 yrs. related exp.; must incl. development of new features for well-cementing software; creating UML diagrams for architecture of software components (Sequence, Use case, Data Flow Diagrams). Position allows telecommuting; may require intermittent on-site services at unanticipated client worksites throughout U.S. Must reside within commuting distance of Houston. Email CV to LuxoftRIT@dx.com must reference Job ID#PD for consideration.