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major factor. The signs are all there: higher black registration, black mobilization to maximize the black vote, and the large black voter turnouts in recent years all point to the black vote as being important, perhaps decisive.

A second key factor in 1984 will be the growth of poverty in America. The ranks of the poor have swelled by five million over the past three years and the recovery has not touched them.

Unless the current recovery broadens to become a boom that creates jobs in industries hit hard by the recession, the poverty level will remain high. The 35 million poor need not be poor in this affluent nation. Experts say a transfer of \$45 billion would bring the incomes of the poor up to the poverty level. The Pentagon wastes more than that on cost overruns, inflated payment for parts, and inefficiency.

Poverty could be relieved too, by changes in the tax structure that pen-

alize the poor. The much-ballyhooed tax cuts didn't benefit the poor — a poor family of four paid almost \$1,000 in income and payroll taxes last year — enough to move many out of poverty.

A third factor of importance in 1984 is whether the nation will broaden equal opportunity. We've had a lot of hand-wringing about how bad the schools are and how limited minority progress has been. But if we don't start implementing national policies that prepare the poor and minorities for productive jobs the economy will be in even worse shape.

Over the next decade one-fourth of the new entrants to the labor force will be black and

minority. The young people now getting inferior educations, on the verge of dropping out of school, and denied the skills training they need to get decent jobs will, in the coming months and years, have to function in a high tech economy.

So from these and other standpoints, 1984 could well be decisive. There will be others, too, but the main point about the next twelve months is that the open window for decision-making is a narrow one. The deep changes in the economy and the freeze in racial progress are the twin considerations that will determine our futures, so the nation ought to be moving now to adjust to change and to move swiftly to create an open, pluralistic, integrated society.

TRAILWAYS TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DALLAS, TX — Trailways Lines, Inc., the nation's bus industry leaders, today announced they would honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1984 by making a financial contribution for every ticket sold in their

top 50 markets between Jan. 14 and 17 to the King Center in Atlanta, Ga. In addition, Trailways has

designated Jan. 16 as a holiday for their corporate headquarters executive offices in Dallas.

Pearson To Seek Wilson's Commission Seat

Former Las Vegas City Councilman William Pearson plans to run for the Clark County Commission seat held by Woodrow Wilson.

Pearson, the first black city councilman, was appointed to that board in late 1982 to fill the unexpired term of former Ward 3 representative Roy Woofert.

He was ousted from the seat last spring by Bob Nolen, who beat Pearson in the municipal elections.

A dentist, Pearson said he hopes to accomplish some of the things he was unable to as a city councilman because of his short tenure.

He insisted that "lax" representation of the black community needs to end.

Pearson said that feeling should not be considered a job at Wilson.

"I mean a lot of us are lax in that area — including me — and we need to come out more," he said.

Pearson, the first black city councilman, said he will run because of "a vacuum in black leadership in Southern Nevada."

Pearson said he was "overwhelmed by the requests for him to run by his supporters and those

skeptical of his abilities in the 1982 election," in which he received 2,000 votes.

If elected, Pearson said one important goal will be to ensure employment for minorities including securing them "some of those jobs being distributed at the (McCarran International) airport."

Another priority would be to sponsor an ordinance making it illegal for undocumented aliens to obtain jobs in the county.



DR. PEARSON

He said he would continue advocating fiscal responsibility in government, fighting street and drug-related crimes, and

stressing economic development in the black community.

Pearson said the county should be more concerned with the needs of its urban jurisdiction, especially West Las Vegas, East Las Vegas, East Las Vegas.

He said his primary concern continues to be jobs for his constituents.

Pearson said he is organizing a task force to guarantee job preference for locals in the construction industries.

He said he hopes to introduce an ordinance making it illegal for undocumented foreigners to obtain employment in the county. It would relieve employers of the responsibility of making sure employees are legally in this country.

Pearson, 63, also stressed his goals for fiscal responsibility in government, fighting crime and economic diversification.

He said he is uncertain when he will file for election.

Wilson, the first black county commissioner, is awaiting trial on a federal indictment stemming from the FBI's Operation Yobo investigation into political corruption.

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BIDS WANTED FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Directors of the Department of Transportation of the State of Nevada at their District I Headquarters Office, located at 1200 North Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, until 10:00 a.m. local time, on January 26, 1984, and publicly opened and read on that date at 4:00 p.m., local time, for Contract No. 2014, Project No. BI-BIG-515-1(17)1, construction of a portion of the Interstate Highway System on Interstate Route 515 in Las Vegas from Charleston Boulevard to 21st Street, Clark County, a length of 1.925 miles.

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF WORK COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT CONSISTS OF: GRADING THE ROADBED, INSTALLING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTING GRADE SEPARATION STRUCTURES, INSTALLING HIGHWAY LIGHTING AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS, PLACING AGGREGATE BASE, PLANT-

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Employment lists may be obtained from the local office of the Nevada Employment Security Department at 135 South 8th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the undersigned, the Department of Transportation District Offices at Sparks and Las Vegas, Nevada; at the offices of the Associated General Contractors of America, 1135 S.W. Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84110; and 300 South Wells Avenue, Reno, Nevada, 89502; at the office of the F. W. Dodge Company, 1100 E. Sahara, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89104; at the office of Daily Pacific Builder, 2450-17th Street, San Francisco, California, 94110; and at the office of the Construction Notebook, 3131 Meade Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102.

Plans, form of proposal, contract and specifications may be secured by prequalified bidders through the office of the undersigned. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) is required for the purchase of each copy of the plans with proposal form. Plans, proposal form and specifications obtained on this basis are non-returnable and no refund will be made. Bids must be on the proposal form of the Department of Transportation and must be accompanied by a bid bond, a certified check, a cashier's check, or cash in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid.

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ment of Transportation.

The attention of bidders is directed to the State Contractor's License Law requirement (NRS 624.230 as amended to date), that a contractor hold a valid license of a class corresponding to the work to be done. Requests for license may be directed to the Secretary of the State Contractor's Board, 70 Linden Avenue, Reno, Nevada 89502.

This is a Federal-aid project and as such, any contractor otherwise qualified by the State of Nevada to perform such work, is not required to be licensed nor to submit application for license in advance of submitting a bid or having such bid considered; provided, however, that such exemption does not constitute a waiver of the State's right under its license laws to require a contractor, determined to be a successful bidder, to be licensed to do business in the State of Nevada in connection with the award of a contract to him.

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take affirmative action, including the imposition of contract sanctions and the initiation of appropriate legal proceedings under any applicable State or Federal law to achieve equal employment opportunity on Federal-aid Highway Projects and will actively cooperate with the Federal Highway Administration in all investigations and enforcement actions undertaken by the Federal Highway Administration. In conjunction with the above statement, the Department of Transportation will not issue plans to an irresponsible bidder. Subsection (B) of the section 112 of Title 23 United States Code has been amended by adding at the end thereof, the following: "Contracts for the construction of each project shall be awarded only on the basis of the lowest responsive bid submitted by a bidder meeting established criteria of responsibility."

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