

NAACP ANNOUNCES

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Elkhart, Indiana; Carl L. Breeding of Jackson, Michigan; Larry W. Carter, of Des Moines, Iowa; James Ghee, of Farmville, Virginia; Dr. William F. Gibson, of Greenville, South Carolina; Dr. Aaron E. Henry, of Clarksdale, Mississippi; Lillian Jackson, of Montgomery, Alabama; Ernest Lofton, of Detroit, Michigan; John Mance, of Granada Hills, California; Sandra McGary, of Kennesaw, Georgia; Kevin McWhorter, youth Board Member, of Marietta, Georgia; Jerry L. Maulden, of Little Rock, Arkansas; Rupert Richardson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Reverend A.C. Sutton, of San Antonio, Texas.

Members selected for this special task force currently serve on the association's Board of Directors, which represents all regions of the country. The committee will be responsible for establishing procedures and methods dealing with the selection process. In addition, it will review the job description for the new Executive Director. The committee will also review the qualifications of each applicant.

As the search proceeds, the committee will also begin the task of studying issues and goals that the new Executive Director will need to address. The search is expected to last several months, after which the committee will make its recommendations to the full Board of Directors. The Board will then choose a new Executive Director prior to the official retirement of Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks.

STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 5.7 PERCENT IN MAY

CARSON CITY—Nevada's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment dropped 0.3 percentage points in May—the third monthly decline in a row, Executive Director Stan Jones said he considers May's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.7 percent a positive sign—marking the lowest level of statewide unemployment this year and slow—but steady economic growth.

Jones went on to say, "Initial Unemployment Insurance claims are down 9 percent over-the-month, which serves an economic indicator. Continued Unemployment Insurance claims, those claimants filing for more than one week, are down 21

percent over the same time period."

Employment estimates in service industries, including gaming and recreation show an increase of 7,200 jobs over-the-year, while the industry showed its current strength totaling 42,200 jobs, 1,000 more jobs reported in the industry than a year ago.

He said the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate was estimated at 8.7 percent.

The department's monthly survey shows that seasonally adjusted unemployment throughout the state's 17 counties ranged from a low of 1.2 percent in Eureka County to a

high of 11.7 percent in Esmeralda County. During May, Las Vegas (Clark County) was estimated at 6.1 percent unemployment, up 0.1 percentage point over-the-month and down 0.3 percentage points when compared to a year ago. Reno's (Washoe County) May jobless rate was estimated at 5.9 percent, up 0.2 percentage points during the 30-day period. In May 1991, Reno's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent. According to the department's labor economists, retail and wholesale employers (including general merchandise, apparel, food stores, auto dealers, service stations, and eating and drinking establishments) accounted for an estimated 130,400 jobs,

an increase of 2,800 jobs when compared to the same time a year ago. The mining industry employed a reported 13,300 workers during May—200 fewer workers than May ago. And, employment in manufacturing picked up 300 jobs since May 1991, with 26,100 workers reported.

The finance, insurance and real estate sector picked up 400 workers over-the-year with 29,400 workers reported. And, transportation and utilities sector reported 100 more jobs since this time a year ago with 33,100 people working in the sector. Reported employment in federal, state and local government, including teachers, totals 86,100 workers, up 3,400 over-the-year.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for Bid No. 93.6268.1, for construction of E.O.B. - REALITY HOUSE - DORIS ROOFS - PHASE II, will be received by the City of Las Vegas until 3:00 P.M., July 7, 1992.

ALL BIDS MUST BE FILED AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 10TH FLOOR, CITY HALL COMPLEX, PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M., ON THE DATE ESTABLISHED ABOVE.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, immediately after the established closing time and date, in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Division, 1st Floor, City Hall Complex, 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

All documents pertinent to this Invitation to Bid may be examined at:

Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Division, 1st Floor, City Hall Construction Notebook, 3131 Meade Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada
F. W. Dodge Co., 1850 East Flamingo Rd., Suite 107, Las Vegas, Nevada

Bid documents may be obtained at the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Division, FOR A NON REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$20.00 PLUS \$5.00 POSTAGE AND HANDLING FEE IF MAILED. Checks are to be made payable to City Treasurer, City of Las Vegas. No bid documents will be mailed until the City receives the check for the complete amount.

Prospective bidders are requested to direct any questions concerning this project/bid to the applicable representative listed below:

Questions in regards to Technical Specifications and Bid Form items/quantities should be directed to H&A Architects, Inc. 1531 W. Oakey Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89102 at telephone no. (702) 383-0077, or Mr. Ron Gregrich at (702) 229-6494.

All contractual questions should be directed to Ron Delabarre, Purchasing and Contracts Division, at telephone no. (702) 229-6231, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions stipulated by the Owner.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE CONCERNING THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 18, 1992, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, CITY HALL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE IS TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT IN DETAIL AND TO CONSIDER PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS' CONCERNS.

The estimated monetary range of this project is \$310,000.00 to \$370,000.00.

Dated 6/5/92

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E. Call Hall, Deputy Director
Department of General Services

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Richard W. Kelly, Director
Department of Economic and Urban Dev
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Ron H. Delabarre, P.P.O., Chief
Purchasing & Contracts Division

SBA TRAINING FOR WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS FILLS VOID

Washington, D.C.—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), today released a report that finds its training programs designed specifically for women an important mechanism in ensuring their full participation in the nation's economy.

The National Academy of Public Administrator's (NAPA) report evaluated SBA's Demonstration Projects designed for women interested in starting or expanding a business. The program, which began operation in 1989, funds private organizations for the purpose of providing long-term financial, management and marketing assistance. Currently, there are 26 training locations throughout the United States.

One of the key issues examined by NAPA was whether there is a need for training programs designed specifically for women. Could Demonstration Project clients have received comparable training elsewhere? The survey results strongly showed

that most women business owners who are assisted through the program had not and would not have sought help from a more traditional source. It was the judgement of the Academy panel that other training sources offered only a small portion of what SBA clients found valuable.

The study found that women may differ from men in their definition of business success. Because of choice or necessity, women often look to self-employment as a way to blend work and family responsibilities.

NAPA's client interviews and focus groups showed that the women valued the opportunity to explore personal and business goals in tandem, and that the technical assistance they received was good.

Though sites served largely women starting new business as, they also served many established women business owners.

The demonstration projects

rendered services to individual clients on an on-going basis, whereas most other programs offer one-time or sporadic seminars or only limited counseling. Several demonstration projects provided tailored services for low-income or disadvantage women, including segments, that dealt with topics such as self-esteem, money management, or work habits.

During the first two years of the program, 4,900 women received services from the then 16 project sites. These women started 212 new businesses and created 437 new jobs.

The NAPA report found that the SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership, responsible for operating the programs, did so with "creativity and a willingness to listen to the need of the awardee organizations" and with a willingness to "adjust operations so that program management could be as effective as possible."

The report concluded that as a result of these projects, much is being learned about women business owners needs and a new capacity to meet those needs is being widely developed. The panel believed that the projects are an important component in achieving the "goal of an economy in which people of both genders and all racial and ethnic groups compete on an equal footing."

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