

# Bond

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 social justice and race relations agendas. An October 1995 *US News and World Report* poll reported 90 percent of Blacks supported the NAACP. In an April 1998 poll conducted by the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, 81 percent of Blacks reported a favorable opinion of the NAACP."

Ultimately, he announced the results of a survey taken just two weeks ago.

"Conducted by the respected firm Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates, this poll confirms that our work is both valuable and valued. The NAACP has the highest favorability of 17 organizations working in the civil rights arena. The NAACP is viewed favorably by almost all Blacks — 94 percent, including 70 percent who view it very favorably, and by three-quarters of the general public. Fully 93 percent of Blacks surveyed believe the NAACP represents the interests of the American-American community, and 67 percent believe this strongly."

Financial difficulties being no stranger to the NAACP or other civil rights organizations, Bond said its work must be unhindered even as it rebuilds.

Consistent with past years, Bond did not spare the Bush administration scorching criticism. In recent years, having described the political operations of the administration as being like "the Taliban" and "snake oil," Bond used the flowery words of Thomas Jefferson to make his point:

"A little patience and we shall see the reign of witches

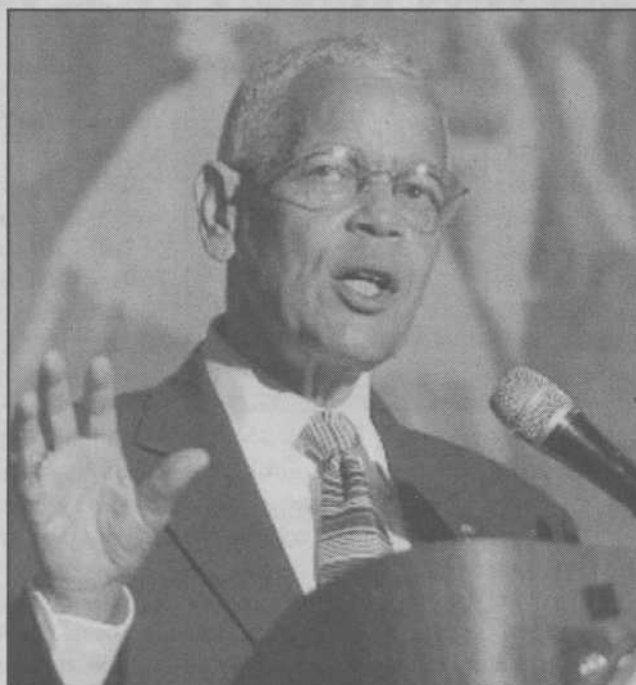
pass over, their spells dissolve, and the people, recovering their true sight, restore their government to its true principles. It is true that in the meantime we are suffering deeply in spirit, and incurring the horrors of a war and long oppressions of enormous public debt," he quoted Jefferson. "If the game runs sometimes against us at home, we must have patience till luck turns, and then we shall have an opportunity of winning back the principles we have lost, for this is a game where principles are at stake."

Cautious to avoid mention of political parties to stay within Internal Revenue Service guidelines, Bond was obviously making reference to the presidential race, in which many voters — Republican and Democrat — have used polls to express hope for change in the direction of the nation.

Meanwhile, as a part of its philosophy, "No permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interests," the NAACP this week prepared to reward Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.), the reputed dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, with the coveted Spingarn Medal, the highest honor that the NAACP bestows.

Conyers, a member of Congress for more than 35 years, earns consistent A's on the organization's annual Legislative Report Card and now chairs the House Judiciary Committee, which has the power to champion NAACP civil rights causes.

"Last fall's midterm elections did not increase the number of Blacks in Con-



NAACP President Julian Bond addresses the conventioners at the annual NAACP Convention held in Detroit, which is 43, but it vastly increased their power, elevating more of them to key positions than ever before in our nation's history," Bond told the audience.

He expressed hope that, meanwhile, answers to a litany of major civil rights and economic problems will come legislatively.

"Indeed, for most of us, the notion that race ought not be considered in remedying racial discrimination is ludicrous," he said. "Now the ludicrous has become law."

He was referring to the most recent blow to civil rights, the Supreme Court's recent 5-4 decision that tightened prohibitions on how school districts can use race in ensuring racial diversity in

the classroom. Civil rights leaders say the ruling eliminates some of the remedies legalized by *Brown v. Board of Education*.

"The Bush Court, on the same day the bald eagle was removed from the endangered species list, removed Black children from the law's protection," Bond said. "The truth is, there are no non-racial remedies for racial discrimination. In order to get beyond race, you have to go to race. To suggest racial neutrality as a remedy for racial discrimination is sophistry of the highest order."

The answers are simple, said Bond. Among them, "no more Bush appointees to the Supreme Court! No more appointees, period, who cannot

see that there is no constitutional equivalence between race-conscious efforts to segregate and race-conscious efforts to integrate public schools."

He said the second answer is to help school districts find solutions that will fit within the permissible range of race-consciousness, expressed by Justice Anthony Kennedy.

From the recent rejection of Bush's immigration bill by members of his own party, to continued criticism of his handling of Hurricane Katrina and the war, the Bush administration has been repudiated, said Bond.

"What happened on Election Day last November was not an election — it was an intervention! 'The people, recovering their true sight,' have begun to 'restore their government to its true principles.'"

The organization also attempted to wipe out the often self-inflicted negative self-image of African-Americans by having a mock funeral to "bury the n-word."

Still, he said, the NAACP must now prioritize its focus inward.

"We've experienced some real losses at the NAACP in recent months. We lost our

CEO, who couldn't align our mission with his. We've lost more than 70 valuable employees because of the downsizing our finances forced upon us. But we know if we cannot bear the cross, we cannot wear the crown."

He outlined the organization's strategy for recovery.

He said the NAACP is in the early stages of a drive to put \$100 million in the NAACP treasury by its centennial in 2009. Leadership 500, spearheaded by the board's vice-chair, Roslyn Brock, has already contributed \$230,000 to the Centennial Campaign, he said. He said each member of the board of directors and Special Contribution Fund has also agreed to contribute at least \$15,000 by year's end.

But, the backbone, he said, is in the community: "Our state conferences and branches, as always, also have put their shoulders to the wheel. They're raising money too. They won't let us down. They will lift us up... Our programs are continuing, our purpose and commitment are strong, our dedication to justice is unwavering. We are poised for 'greater efforts and grander victories.'"

# Clingman

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 to whomever it wants, whenever it feels the urge to plunder, murder, rape, lie, cheat and steal.

The United States now teeters on that very dangerous precipice, and it will not take a lot to push us over the edge.

"Mission Impossible" might have been a movie and a long-running, successful television series, but in George Bush's case and with his endless war, it is quite real, folks.

It will impact your children and their children for years to come. If we continue to believe the drivel that comes from a dunce's

mouth, we will soon have to don the dunce's little pointed hat.

"Impossible" means just that: we cannot accomplish a victory in Iraq, and we will not because we have not defined what that victory is.

We do not have an "exit strategy" because we never planned to exit once we got there and took over.

Instead of politics as usual, we need politics unusual.

I say, "Keith Olbermann for President!"

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## LEGAL NOTICES



**HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)  
HULLUM HOMES -RENOVATIONS  
IFB #7184-0048**

Sealed bids marked "HULLUM HOMES-RENOVATIONS - IFB # 7184-0048" will be received at the office of the Interim Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Clark (HACC), 5390 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89122, in accordance with the IFB solicitation, at which time all bids properly received will be opened, read aloud, and made a matter of public record.

HACC is requesting sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms and/or individuals for the remodeling of existing apartment complex to include, but not limited to new HVAC systems, upgrade roofing, asphalt overlayment, etc.

A Pre-bid conference meeting will be held on JULY 23, 2007, 9:00 AM in the HACC Board Room, at which time the IFB documents, scope of work (SOW), and specifications will be distributed. A site visit will follow this conference.

Sealed responses to this solicitation must be received by HACC by August 16, 2007, 1:00 PM local time. No late bids will be accepted.

Respondents to this solicitation must have documented experience of comparable work similar to the property listed above. Minority- and women-owned businesses are encouraged to respond.

All IFB documents are available on the HACC website at [www.haccnv.org](http://www.haccnv.org) in Portable Document Format (PDF). Contact the Contracts Administration Department at 922-1624 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, for a bid package.

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**CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS  
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Clark County Public Works requests Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) over the Internet from firms to provide various professional engineering, surveying, right-of-way, landscape architecture and related services for Public Works projects during the period of January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Firms responding should: (1) have an office located in Clark County, Nevada; and (2) be prepared to perform the majority of any work offered in Clark County, Nevada.

Beginning July 2, 2007, an Electronic - Statement of Qualifications (E-SOQ) Users Guide is available online at [www.accessclarkcounty.com/pubworks/soq](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/pubworks/soq) and from the Clark County Public Works SOQ Coordinator at 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155. The E-SOQ Users Guide describes the types of Services and Works requested, qualifications desired for each Service and Work, the combination of Services required for each type of Work, the submittal requirements and Internet submittal instructions.

Selection is based upon evaluation of the following factors: (1) The firm's qualifications and experiences to provide the desired services; (2) Experience and qualifications of the firm's employees to perform the desired services; (3) The firm's equipment resources; and (4) Past history of providing similar services in the last five years.

All submittals are evaluated and ranked for each type of Service proposed and for the several types of Services needed to complete a specific kind of project. The final rankings will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval in December 2007.

It is mandatory for interested firms to review the E-SOQ Users Guide and submit according to the instructions. Only properly completed SOQs will be considered.

**Interested firms can work on their submittals online from July 16, 2007 to September 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Submittals will be automatically accepted online at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on September 17, 2007. No SOQs will be considered after the posted closing date and time.**

To assist firms in the preparation of their submittals, five (5) workshops will be held beginning July 2, 2007. Please contact the Workshop Coordinator at (702) 455-4879 for additional information and to be scheduled for a workshop.

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