

# Kilpatrick

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year-old Myron Johnson of Detroit said. "Since he's been in office, the city has come back. I supported [former President Bill] Clinton when he went through his problems like this, so I'm supporting the mayor."

Zina Washington, 41, was among those who braved the bitter cold weather outside of the church before Kilpatrick spoke to support him. She carried a yellow sign that read "Leave the Honorable mayor alone, let him do his job."

"He's done a good job for the city," Wash-

ington said. "He's done wonderful things and the media wants to blast he and his family. It's up to God to judge us. If God can forgive him, why can't we as people?"

Outside the church an electronic billboard spelled out this message: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands at moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at moments of challenge and controversy." Hundreds braved the frigid weather, chanted, brought signs and marched to let their feelings be known, in support of the mayor or not.

# Big Question

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ticians deliver a fiery speech, "it can grate on some men when they listen to it — fin-gernails on a blackboard."

Asked about the complaints, Matthews reportedly said he personally likes Clinton and also likes the fact that "Hardball" generates controversy.

Gandy, however, sees an injurious double-standard.

"The focus on the clothes and the figure and the hairdo — not only are they not used with male candidates, they're used to trivialize Hillary Clinton," Gandy said.

On the racial front, some of the more blatant incidents in recent years did not involve Obama.

There was sharp criticism of a TV ad run in 2006 by the Republican National Committee, in which a flirtatious blonde invited Harold Ford Jr., a Black Senate candidate in Tennessee, to "call me." A White GOP candidate in Virginia, Sen. George Allen, stumbled in his campaign for re-election when he referred to one of his rival's volunteers, a man of Indian descent, as "macaca," a term considered offensive.

For Obama, the issue of racism was raised a year ago when Sen. Joe Biden described the Illinois senator as "clean" and "articulate," then sought to clarify that he meant no disrespect to other Blacks.

Since then, though, there has been little overt racism directed at Obama that has percolated into the public domain. Most of the debate has had more nuances, such as whether there was a racial context to Clinton supporters' references to Obama's acknowledged teenage use of cocaine. There was brief umbrage by some Obama backers over New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's recent use of the term "shuck and jive" but Cuomo's aides circulated a transcript indicating he was talking generally about candidates' evasions, not about Obama in particular.

Limbaugh was criticized last year for playing a parody song on his show entitled "Barack the Magic Negro."

But Obama himself drew praise from Limbaugh for laughing off the song and saying he didn't mind people poking fun at him.

Charles Ellison, senior adviser to the University of Denver's Center for African-American Policy, said Obama is benefiting from a pop-culture groundswell — epitomized by the Black U.S. president on the hit TV series "24" — that has made the idea of a real-life Black president seem appealing.

"The concept of a Black president has overtaken the concept of a woman president," Ellison said. "It's very fresh and recent. We've been talking about trying to get a

woman president for some time."

However, Ellison said Obama still faces challenges in handling gender and race.

"As a Black man, he must be careful not to appear too hostile toward a White woman," Ellison said. "That dynamic has always been there, and I think he is rather aware of it."

Bruce Gordon, former president of the NAACP, said any suggestion that sexism had become a more oppressive bias than racism is "a huge overstatement."

Both are alive and well, he said, "but it would be disappointing if in the course of this campaign the attention of the voting public shifts to gender and race instead of dealing with the substantive issues."

## LEGAL NOTICES

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

#### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) NO. 013-08 TRANSIT VIDEO ADVERTISING FRANCHISE

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is requesting information about the operation of a Transit Video Advertising Franchise to be operated on the RTC's existing "Deuce" double-deck bus service along the Las Vegas Strip and on its Downtown Connector Rapid Transit line which is scheduled to become operational mid year 2009. The vehicles to be used in these programs are being manufactured by Alexander Dennis and the Wrights Group and will include the Luminator Infotainment System. The RTC's intent is to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Transit Video Advertising Franchise in the first half of 2008. Responses to this RFI will assist the RTC in the preparation of the scope of work and RFP documents.

To facilitate potential respondents in answering questions and providing information associated with this RFI, the RTC is offering an opportunity to inspect the Alexander Dennis "double deck" and Wrights Group "streetcar" vehicles being manufactured in the Falkirk, Scotland and Ballymena, Northern Ireland the week of February 25, 2008. The RTC escorted visit will also include a demonstration of the Luminator system in advertising operations in Karlsruhe, Germany. Interested parties will travel at their own expense and must RSVP to the RTC in writing in to participate.

Request for Information (RFI) No. 013-08 will be available beginning January 31, 2008, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Regional Transportation Commission's Administrative Building, 1st Floor Reception Desk. Requests for RFI packages may be submitted via facsimile at (702) 676-1588 or via e-mail to [bilynsky@rtcnsn.com](mailto:bilynsky@rtcnsn.com), and should be directed to the attention of Lydia Bilynsky, Purchasing Administrator.

Requests for clarifications about this RFI are to be submitted in writing, preferably conveyed via e mail to RTC Purchasing no later than 3:00 pm local time, March 12, 2008. Requests for clarification should be sent to: Lydia Bilynsky, RTC Purchasing Administrator at [bilynsky@rtcnsn.com](mailto:bilynsky@rtcnsn.com), or forwarded via fax or mail to the address noted below.

Submissions must be received by the RTC no later than 5:00 pm local time, March 31, 2008. Submissions must be sent to:  
Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada  
Attention: Lydia Bilynsky, Purchasing Administrator  
600 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106

The successful respondent shall cooperate with the RTC in meeting its commitments and objectives with regard to ensuring non-discrimination in the award and administration of U.S. DOT assisted contracts and shall use its best efforts to ensure that barriers to participation of DBEs do not exist.

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### PROJECT NAME Phase 3 Tenant Improvement Nevada Health Center-Las Vegas 2212 S. Eastern Ave. NOTICE INVITING BIDDERS

**SCOPE OF WORK** — The estimate of construction cost for the base bid of this project is between: \$240,000 and \$290,000.00. The scope of work under this bid is a project at Nevada Health Center. This is a "General Contractor" project. The scope of work shall include but not be limited to: TENANT IMPROVEMENT OF INTERIOR PARTITIONS AND FINISHES, REMOVE EXISTING GLAZING AND REGLAZE EXTERIOR WINDOWS, EIFS FINISH OVER EXISTING PLASTER SURFACE, TEAROFF OF EXISTING ROOFING AND REROOFING OF MODIFIED BITUMINOUS MATERIAL.

**SUBMITTAL OF BIDS** — All bids shall be made on a bid form furnished by NHC. Bid Forms, together with all required attachments to the Bid Form must be submitted, in a sealed envelope with a copy of the completed required bid cover sheet affixed to the outside of the envelope, shall be delivered to Downtown Senior Services Center / Nevada Health Center office 310 S 9th St., Las Vegas, NV 89101, not later than 2:00 p.m. on February 15, 2008. Bid Forms received by the stipulated time will be promptly opened in public and read aloud at said address. Bid Forms or Attachments thereto received after the stipulated time will be rejected and returned to BIDDERS unopened.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE INSPECTION** — A MANDATORY pre-bid conference and MANDATORY job walk will be held at the Project site for attendance by any interested BIDDER with representatives of NHC and the ARCHITECT. The Pre-Bid conference will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 4, 2008 all attendees shall meet at the Downtown Senior Services Center 310 S 9th St., Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 229-6690 and Pre-Bid site-walk will commence at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 4, 2008 all attendees shall meet at the North Parking building entrance of 2212 S. Eastern Ave. All Prime Contractors and subcontractors bidding the project are required to attend. Failure to attend will result in your bid being deemed non-responsive. Further, no protest will be considered should your firm fail to attend the mandatory Pre-bid Conference.

**TYPE OF CONTRACT** — This project will be constructed based on a single prime lump-sum contract.

**PARTICIPATION GOALS** — The contractor shall comply with the requirements of Section 3 Regulations attached within Part 3 of the Bidding and Contracting Requirements of the Project Specifications, though not repeated herein, are incorporated herein as a part hereof which are applicable to the Contract. HUD Regulations, 24 CFR Part 135. Participation is specifically encouraged to the following: low- and moderate-income persons and Minority-owned or women-owned business participation is invited.

**PREVAILING WAGES AND LABOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM** — The contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Federal Wage Rates (wage decision NV079911) attached within Part 4 of the Bidding and Contracting Requirements of the Project Specifications, though not repeated herein, are incorporated herein as a part hereof, which are applicable to the Contract. The wages paid under the Contract shall conform to the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor Regulations (29-CFR Part 5)

Each BIDDER agrees that if its bid is accepted by the NHC, as the awarded CONTRACTOR, it will comply with the provisions of the NHC. The CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors utilized by the successful BIDDER on the project shall maintain and furnish to the NHC, or its designated representative, each week, certified copies of weekly payroll reports signed under penalty of perjury. The NHC, or its designated representative, will review the payroll reports to verify compliance with the prevailing wage and other requirements of NHC and will conduct audits as it deems necessary.

The prevailing rate of per diem wages and a description of employer payments are on file at the NHC Office and are available to any interested party upon request. If the CONTRACTOR's payroll records or reports are delinquent or inadequate, the NHC will withhold contract payments until the delinquency or inadequacy is corrected. Additionally, if after an investigation it is established that an underpayment occurred, the NHC will withhold contract payments equal to the amount of underpayment and applicable penalties. The NHC thereafter will follow the requirements regarding notice to the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.

The NHC has obtained from the City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department, Development Division, the most recent, general prevailing (Davis Bacon Act 1931) rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of work needed for the work of the contract. Straight-time hourly rates and overtime hourly rates (daily, Saturday, Sunday and holiday) shall be paid, at a minimum, in accordance with the general prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor.

In accordance with Davis-Bacon Regulations, the CONTRACTOR shall post a copy of the determination of prevailing rate of wages in a prominent location at job site. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor(s) shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract.

**TYPE OF PROJECT** — Construction build-out of an interior space for a 2,950 square foot office space which is part of an existing 10, 090 square foot one story office building.

**BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** — Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Bidding Requirements and Contract Documents, which are on file and open for public inspection at the office of Hannafin Design Associates LLC.

For information regarding this project, prospective bidders are request to contact Kevin Martinson, Project Manager, Hannafin Design Associates LLC., 318 N. Carson St. #202, Carson City, Nevada (775) 882-6455.

Upon payment of a refundable deposit of \$100 per set, a cashiers check for the amount of the requested quantity of sets made to Nevada Health Center 4415 Spring Mountain Rd. #103, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Receipt as proof of Deposit shall then be given to Prospective BIDDERS to secure up to two (2) sets only of said documents from the office of Nevada Health Center contact Brian Brooks (702) 220-9910, 4415 Spring Mountain Rd. #103, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

Deposits will be refunded upon the return of said documents in good re-usable condition to NHC's office within five (5) calendar days after bids on the project have been opened. A non-refundable mailing charge of \$25.00 will be required for each set mailed to Nevada cities (out of state locations will be higher). BIDDERS in need of more than two (2) sets of bid documents may purchase additional sets (only if available) for \$100 each; the charge is non-refundable. All BIDDERS intending to pick up plans at Nevada Health Center are urged to call in advance to verify bid document availability. Bid documents (with a sample bid form only) will be placed in Hannafin Design Associates LLC office and also in the following public plan rooms:

F.W. Dodge McGraw-Hill, Inc.	Construction Notebook	Sierra Plan Room
150 N. Durango Drive #101	3131 Meade St. Suite B	3111 S. Valley View Blvd B-120
Las Vegas, NV, 89145-5604	Las Vegas, NV,	Las Vegas, NV 89102
Phone: (702) 735-2141	Phone: (702) 876-8660	Phone: (702) 871-1077

**It is very important** that prospective Prime Contract BIDDERS, who choose to use a plan room in lieu of obtaining their own complete set of bid documents, contact the NHC and request a free Bid Package. This Bid Package contains, among other important things, the Bid Form which MUST be used to submit a prime bid to the NHC.

**LICENSE REQUIREMENTS** — Bidders are required pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 621 as amended to date) to hold a valid Nevada State Contractor's License Type "B". General Contractors, Subcontractors and/or others desiring to bid on this work shall be licensed for this type of work and qualified by the Nevada State Contractor's Board prior to the bid opening. Subcontractors must possess the license of a class corresponding to the work for each specialty subcontracted. Additionally, all Contractors and subcontractors must verify their possession of valid license requirements of the applicable local jurisdictions. Request for license may be directed to the secretary of the State Contractors' Board 9670 Gateway Dr., Suite 100, Reno 89511 / 2310 Corporate Circle #200, Henderson, NV 89074.

**BASIS OF AWARD** — The award shall be awarded to the responsive and responsible BIDDER per Section 3 Regulations and NRS for the project will be determined using the following method:  
1. The lowest bid will be the lowest total bid price on the Base Bid.  
The bidder's qualifications and bid judged to be in the best interest of the public overall, each factor being considered. NHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in any bid.

**PUBLICATION, PRE-BID AND BID DATES**  
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