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COMPLETION OF WORK

LEGAL NOTICE
 Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives Legal Notice of Completion of the Contract with The Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority for the project known as Air Cargo South Access Road Extension Road Project. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks, beginning on August 7, 2024, and ending on August 28, 2024. All claims should be filed at 6200 Springfield Road, N.W., Huntsville, Alabama 35806, during this period.

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc.

LEGAL NOTICE

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives Legal Notice of Completion of the Contract with The Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority for the project known as Employee Parking and Cell Phone Waiting Parking Lot Project. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks, beginning on July 19, 2024, and ending on August 9, 2024. All claims should be filed at 6200 Springfield Road, N.W., Huntsville, Alabama 35806, during this period.

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF BIANCA RAYSHUN CHAMBLISS
CASE NO. 77585
NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
 Notice is hereby given that an order has been entered in the Probate Court of Madison County, Alabama, in Case No. 77585, on the 18th day of April 2023, changing the name of Bianca Rayshun Chambliss to Bianca Rayshun Chambliss Bey.
 Dated this 10th day of July 2024
 Bianca Rayshun Chambliss Bey
 121 Brownsboro Rd, PO Box 214
 Brownsboro, AL 35741

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

HOWARD ROSS,
 Plaintiff
 v.
 RADIAH M. FLETCHER,
 Defendant.

CV 2024-97

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RADIAH M. FLETCHER
 You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of July, 2024, Complaint CV 2024-97 for ejectment was filed in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama, and the following is the name of the party to the action: Radiah M. Fletcher, whose whereabouts are unknown and which cannot be ascertained after the exercise of due diligence. Said Radiah M. Fletcher is hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 28th day of August, 2024 else at the expiration thirty (30) days thereafter suffer judgment by default to be rendered against her, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against said party who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

 s/Debra Kizer mm
 Debra Kizer
 Circuit Court Clerk of
 Madison County, Alabama

Publish in the Speaking Out News: August 7, August 14, August 21, August 28, 2024

HOWARD ROSS
 PLAINTIFF
 P.O. BOX 1252
 HUNTSVILLE, AL 35807

IFB 24-064
Notice to Contractors
Huntsville Utilities Advertisement for Bid
 Huntsville Utilities in Huntsville, Alabama is seeking bids for the below-mentioned project located in Huntsville, Alabama. Sealed bids will be received by the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities, by mail, at P.O. Box 2048, Huntsville, AL, 35804, or personal delivery, at the bid opening location listed below. IFB Number, Project Name, Contractor's name, and Alabama Contractor's License number must be printed on the outside of each sealed bid. Bidder instructions, including pre-bid meeting and contractor questionnaire details, are provided in the bid documents. Before the bid documents can be sent to a prospective bidder, it is required that you sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). The NDA is necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the project details and our business interests. To obtain the bid packet e-mail MatthewSterchak@msterchak@relamb.com and MirandaDuke@hsvutil.org, respectively, requesting the NDA and to register. Upon completion, bid packets will be sent to the registered bidders. All questions for this bid packet/project should be emailed to MirandaDuke@hsvutil.org. Huntsville Utilities and Robert E. Lamb, Inc. will conduct a pre-bid meeting, as part of the bidding process, attendance at this meeting is considered mandatory. The contractor shall furnish all supervision, labor, materials, supplies, tools, equipment, and transportation necessary to perform the construction contract for under this contract in a timely, safe, and professional manner.
 Bids will be accepted only from qualified General Contractors licensed prior to the bid opening by the State of Alabama. A cashier's check or a bid bond payable to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities for an amount not less than 5% of the contractor's bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00, will be required to accompany each bid. A performance bond, a payment bond, a maintenance bond, and insurance will be required prior to execution of the contract. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days.
 Bid No.: IFB 24-064 Rubber Goods Bulldozer
 Project Title: Construction of Rubber Goods Test Lab
 Prebid Meeting Location: 1145 Jordan Rd. Huntsville, Alabama 35811
 Pre-bid meeting/site visit: 9:00 a.m. CST on September 5, 2024
 Bid Opening Location: 1145 Jordan Rd. Huntsville, Alabama 35811
 Bid opening meeting: 9:00 a.m. CST on September 27, 2024
 Project Funded by: Huntsville Utilities
 Project Duration: Estimated 22 weeks (or sooner)
 Scope of Work: Build out of upstairs rubber goods testing lab.
 The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.
 Contract Administrator:
 Miranda Duke
Miranda.duke@hsvutil.org

Apply for our Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting list (Section 8)

Section 8 WAITING LIST NOW OPEN

The Decatur Housing Authority (DHA) will be accepting new applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Monday, August 26, 2024, beginning at 12 a.m. and will close on August 28, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.
 This Program provides rental assistance to eligible low-income families.

HOW TO APPLY Online at decatur-housing.org

SCAN TO APPLY

Please contact DHA with any questions, concerns or if you need a reasonable accommodation to apply.
 256-353-2191
 90710th AVE NE
 Decatur, AL

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING FIRM:
2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS, AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
 The City of Huntsville, Alabama is informing the public that Neighborhood Planning Firms may submit proposals for consultation and development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments, and Citizen Participation Plan from Wednesday, August 21, 2024, to Tuesday, September 10, 2024, by 2:00pm.
 Responses to this Request for Proposal (RFP) must be submitted online through the following link: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/>. Access will be available beginning on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.
 The products, reports and plans to be delivered to the City of Huntsville include:
 - Part A: 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for submittal to HUD
 - Part B: 2025 Annual Action Plan for submittal to HUD
 - Part C: Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for submittal to HUD
 - Part D: 2025-2029 Citizen Participation Plan for submittal to HUD
 Deadline for questions must be submitted by September 3, 2024, by 2:00pm. Please refer all questions to:
 City of Huntsville
 Community Development Department
 305 Fountain Circle
 Huntsville, AL 35801
 or email at: comdev@huntsvilleal.gov

AVISO AL PÚBLICO

CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE
SOLICITUD DE PROPUESTA
EMPRESA DE PLANIFICACIÓN DE BARRIOS:
PLAN CONSOLIDADO 2025-2029, ANÁLISIS DE IMPEDIMENTOS, Y PLAN DE PARTICIPACIÓN CIUDADANA
 La Ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama informa al público que las Empresas de Planificación de Vecindarios pueden presentar propuestas para consulta y desarrollo del Plan Consolidado 2025-2029, Análisis de Impedimentos y Plan de Participación Ciudadana desde el miércoles 21 de agosto de 2024 hasta el martes 10 de septiembre de 2024, a las 2:00 p.m.
 Las respuestas a esta Solicitud de Propuesta (RFP) deben enviarse en línea a través del siguiente enlace: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/>. El acceso estará disponible a partir del miércoles 21 de agosto de 2024.
 Los productos, informes y planes que se entregarán a la ciudad de Huntsville incluyen:
 - Parte A: Plan Consolidado 2025-2029 para presentación a HUD
 - Parte B: Plan de Acción Anual 2025 para presentación a HUD
 - Parte C: Análisis de los Impedimentos para la Elección de Vivienda Justa para su presentación a HUD
 - Parte D: Plan de Participación Ciudadana 2025-2029 para presentar a HUD
 La fecha límite para las preguntas debe enviarse antes del 3 de septiembre de 2024 a las 2:00 p.m. Por favor, refiera todas las preguntas a:
 Ciudad de Huntsville
 Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario
 305 Circulo de la Fuente
 Huntsville, AL 35801
 o envíe un correo electrónico a: comdev@huntsvilleal.gov

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

August 27, 2024
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 The Planning Commission of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, shall meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building located at 305 Fountain Circle for the purpose of holding a public hearing. At this time, all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of the following:
ZONING
 1. BRIAR FORK ZONING (2412)
 Located: On the north of Winchester Road and east of Bradford Lane
 Proposed Zoning: Residence 2 and Highway Business C-4 Districts (3.40 acres)
 2. PLUMMER RD REZONING (2413)
 Located: On the south of Plummer Road and east side of Research Park Blvd.
 Requested Zoning: from Residence 2-B and Neighborhood Business C-1 Districts to Highway Business C-4 District (5.62 acres)
 3. ROUTT RD REZONING (2414)
 Located: On the east of Palaski Pike and north of Routt Road
 Requested Zoning: From Residence 1 District to Planned Industrial District (41.68 acres)
LOCATION, CHARACTER, AND EXTENT
 1. AIRPORT GOLF COURSE PARKING LOT (#979)
 Located: Southwest city, south of I-565 and west of Glen Heam Blvd.
 2. HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL FRONT LAWN SCULPTURE (#980)
 Located: Southwest city, north of Governors Drive and east of Whitesburg Dr.
 3. HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL GOVERNORS AND WHITESBURG PARKING LOT (#981)
 Located: Southwest city, south of Governors Drive and west of Whitesburg Drive

INFLATION

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 growth than in previous years. Yet many Americans are still struggling with food prices, which remain 21% above where they were three years ago, though average wages have also sharply increased since then.
 Gas prices were unchanged from June to July and have actually fallen 2.2% in the past year. Clothing prices also dropped last month; they're nearly unchanged from 12 months earlier. New and used car prices fell in July, too. Used car prices, which had skyrocketed during the pandemic, have tumbled nearly 11% in the past year.
 Some food prices, including for meat, fish and eggs, are increasing faster than before the pandemic. Dairy and fruit and vegetable prices, though, fell in July.
 For nearly a year cooling inflation has provided gradual relief to America's consumers, who were stung by the price surges that erupted three years ago, particularly for food, gas, rent and other necessities. Inflation peaked two years ago at 9.1%, the highest level in four decades.
 Excluding volatile food and energy costs, so-called core prices climbed a mild 0.2% from June to July, after a 0.1% increase the previous month. And compared with a year earlier, core inflation slowed from 3.3% to 3.2% — the lowest level since April 2021. Core prices are closely watched by economists because they typically provide a better read of where inflation is headed.
 Fed Chair Jerome Powell has said he is seeking additional evidence of slowing inflation before the Fed begins cutting its key interest rate. Economists widely expect the Fed's first rate cut to occur in mid-September.
 When the central bank lowers its benchmark rate, over time it tends to reduce the cost of borrowing for consumers and businesses. Mortgage rates have already declined in anticipation of the Fed's first rate reduction.
 At a news conference last month, Powell said that cooler inflation data this spring had strengthened the Fed's confidence that price increases are falling back to a 2% annual pace. Another inflation report will be issued next month before the Fed's Sept. 17-18 meeting, with economists expecting that report to also show that price increases remained mostly tame.
 Inflation has eased substantially in the past two years as global supply chains have been repaired, a spate of apartment construction in many large cities has cooled rental costs and higher interest rates have slowed auto sales, forcing dealers to offer better deals to potential car buyers.
 Consumers, particularly lower-income ones, are also becoming more price-sensitive, forgoing high-priced items or shifting to cheaper alternatives. This has forced many companies to rein in price hikes or even offer lower prices.
 Prices are still rising sharply for some services, including auto insurance and health care. Auto insurance costs have shot up as the value of new and used vehicles has soared compared with three years ago. Economists, though, expect those costs to eventually grow more slowly.
 As inflation continues to decline, the Fed is paying increasingly close attention to the job market. The central bank's goals, as defined by Congress, are to keep prices stable and support maximum employment.
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HBCU SCHOLAR

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 for participants to engage in leadership development, networking, and real-world problem-solving, culminating in a week-long in-person conference in Philadelphia. A vital program component is its partnership with NASA, which includes the Minority University Research and Education Project Innovation Tech Transfer Idea Competition. This initiative encourages HBCU Scholars to team up and develop ideas to commercialize NASA technology, aiming to improve their campuses and surrounding communities.
 As part of the program, Dormus will travel to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., where he will work closely with NASA, meet with senior White House and government officials, and advocate for key issues. He is also the creator and host of "Meet the Scholars,"

a 15-episode video series. This series, a testament to his leadership and communication skills, spotlights his fellow HBCU Scholars. Dormus's accomplishments extend beyond his selection as a White House Scholar. On campus, he co-anchors Oakwood's morning student newscast, "Good Morning Oakwood," and has been instrumental in addressing student mental health needs. His latest project, "The Story Room," is set to open on August 18th. This dedicated space, a testament to his commitment to student welfare, will provide students with access to mental health clinicians and resources. Dormus hopes to elevate the project further through the connections and opportunities offered by the White House program.
 Dormus's selection as a White House HBCU Scholar is a testament to his hard work, leadership, and commitment to positively impacting his community.

HAITIANS

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 "I think I understand the real root of this, and maybe you guys need to do some soul searching," Seibert said, according to The Decatur Daily.
 Here is a look at some of those claims and the facts behind them:
Are these undocumented workers coming to Alabama?
 Poultry processor Pilgrim's Pride, the employer which originally chartered the buses that began the controversy, said the workers in question are eligible to work under U.S. law.
Can immigrants vote?
 At Tuesday's community meeting in Albertville, speaker Jay Palmer said one driving force behind immigration is "the left, which wants a new voting population." There was no mention of a bipartisan immigration reform bill that died after opposition from former Trump.
 "The current (Biden) administration is looking for mass amnesty," Palmer said. "The reason they're doing these things is for votes."
 Only U.S. citizens can vote.
 To register in the state of Alabama, someone must be a citizen, reside in Alabama and be at least 18 years old. They cannot have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or have had their voting rights restored. They also cannot have been legally declared "mentally incompetent" by a court.
 The deadline to register expires 14 days prior to an election.
Are there sanctuary cities in north Alabama?
 Both Athens and Albertville city governments have released statements in recent days regarding several questions about immigrants. Neither Albertville nor Athens is a "sanctuary city"
 "Neither the City of Athens, nor any of its city officials, receive any federal funding or private funding relating to housing for migrants with work permits, nor does the city participate in any federal program or private program that provides aid or housing to such workers. The City does not have any plans to do any of that," the city's statement reads.
Is the presence of the Haitian workers increasing crime?
 Athens Police Chief Anthony Pressnell confirmed during their city council meeting that there has been no rise in crime since the arrival of more Haitians. The Decatur Daily reported.
 "There has not been a noticeable increase in the municipal court docket," the Athens city statement read.
 "The City -- and state and federal law -- condemn any narrative that seeks to discriminate against people based on their race or nationality."
How is Haitian immigration impacting schools?
 According to the city of

Athens, "the number of new enrollments in the school system is minimal, and there has not been a noticeable increase in the municipal court docket. According to state education figures, Athens City Schools had no migrant students in 2022-23, the last year for which records are available, and 513 students with a limited English proficiency."
 The Decatur Daily reported that at Monday's meeting, Athens resident Amanda Schulte said she feared unvaccinated Haitian children were attending school with her children "which creates a danger to the large number of unvaccinated children in our public school system."
 A statement from Athens City Schools Superintendent Beth Patton said, "Haitian students are coming with immunizations."
 Albertville City Schools in 2022-23, the last year for which state records were available, had 311 recorded migrant students, and 1,574 students with limited English proficiency, which could be any language. The system has a total enrollment of 5,750 students. Marshall County had 177 migrant students in a population of 5,649. Of those, 724 has limited English proficiency.
What is the Haitian population of Alabama?
 Currently, Alabama has 2,569 Haitian residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That makes up .05% of the state population. According to the Center for Immigration Studies, two of the top five states for Haitian immigration settlement in 2022 were neighboring states Florida, with 51%, and Georgia, with 4%.
Why are Haitians coming to the U.S.?
 Haiti has seen political unrest for years, as the country has not held elections since 2016. In March, criminal organizations on the Caribbean island organized a jailbreak of more than 4,000 inmates. More than 2,500 people died there from January thru March. The unrest kept the country's prime minister from returning from abroad. Gross National Income per capita in Haiti is \$1,730, and a quarter of the island's population lives in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 per day.
 A Haitian can apply as a refugee, i.e., a person with "well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group, who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence." However, the process to apply for refugee status can take up to two years.
 Haitians, along with Cubans, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans, are allowed 30,000 non-citizens each month to enter the U.S. Some can enter for up to two years "for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit," according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.