

BUSINESS

AUTO INDUSTRY



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General Motors is bouncing back from its government bankruptcy, revving up profits and rolling out new models. The Chevy Cruze is one of the company's more popular compact cars, and is a strong rival to Toyota and Honda.

2 years after IPO, GM piling up cash

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DETROIT — Two years after a wounded General Motors returned to the stock market, the symbol of American industrial might is thriving again.

Sunday marks the anniversary of GM's initial public stock offering in November 2010. The company has made money for 11 straight quarters, piling up more than \$16 billion in profits. Its cars and trucks are selling for good prices. And sales are strong in China.

But there are signs of trouble. GM's U.S. sales, the prime driver of its profits, aren't rising as quickly as the overall market. There's been turmoil in the executive ranks, and the company is hemorrhaging cash in Europe.

Since the IPO, here are GM's achievements, struggles and question marks.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Big profits: GM is making money — nearly \$4 billion so far this year. Most of that came from the U.S., where GM cars and trucks are selling for almost 6 percent more than they did in January of 2011. The average selling price is \$32,662, says the TrueCar.com auto pricing site. GM also is making good money in China and the rest of Asia, and it has turned around its money-losing South American operations with a host of new products.

Better cars: Before its 2009 bankruptcy, GM relied on trucks and SUVs to make money. Cars were an afterthought, and GM got a reputation for poor quality. The business model worked fine until gas prices spiked over \$3 per gallon around 2005 and buyers shifted toward cars. Since bankruptcy, the company has rolled out new compact, subcompact and mini cars that are selling well. Car-based crossovers, which are more efficient than traditional truck-based SUVs, also are selling.

Trucks accounted for 32 percent of GM sales in 2008, with cars and crossovers making up 68 percent. Now, trucks are down to 27 percent. Sales of the Chevrolet Cruze compact are closing in on 200,000 through October, a strong counterpunch to Toyota and Honda. Also, the Chevy Sonic, the only subcompact made in the U.S., has become the top car in its segment with more than 70,000 sales this year.

Cash pile: GM, which nearly ran out of cash at the end of 2008, ended the third quarter with \$31.6 billion in cash and securities. Bankruptcy wiped out old GM's debts and burdensome contracts, and the new company's cars and trucks have sold well around the world. The cash allows GM to invest in products and restructuring. It even bought a U.S. auto finance company, which helps it to offer low-interest loans and cheap leases. GM also is bidding for international assets of Ally Financial, GM's former finance arm, to help make cheap loans in Europe and elsewhere. Early in November, GM took out \$11 billion in new credit lines, giving it access to more than \$42 billion. The giant figure leads many analysts to believe that GM is preparing to buy back at least part of the U.S. government's 26.5 percent stake in the company.

New lineup: As it headed into bankruptcy, GM cut spending on research. But now it's flush with cash and spending millions to update or replace 70 percent of its North American lineup by the end of next year. That includes much-anticipated full-size pickup trucks, which pull in big profits. Cadillac also is getting a makeover with the new full-size XTS and the ATS, a small luxury sport sedan designed to compete with the BMW 3-Series, a top-seller in the luxury market. Buick gets the Encore small SUV, while Chevy is getting an all-new Impala big car as well as a new

Malibu midsize car.

STRUGGLES

Stock price: Shares of GM sold for \$33 when the company re-entered the stock market on November 18, 2010. For a few months, everything looked good. The stock peaked in January of 2011 at almost \$39. But then the bottom dropped out and the shares tumbled. In July of 2012, they hit a low of \$18.72, weighed down by a slowing U.S. economy and troubles in Europe. They've recovered some since, but are still almost 30 percent below the IPO price. That means the U.S. government can't sell its 500 million shares without losing billions.

U.S. market share: GM's share of the critical U.S. market has dropped to 18 percent from 22 percent since the end of 2008. That means rivals like Toyota are taking away buyers who used to drive a Chevy, Buick, Cadillac or GMC. There are more troubling signs ahead. GM's U.S. sales are up only 3.6 percent this year, far behind the 13.8 percent growth of the overall market.

QUESTIONS AHEAD

Leadership: Akerson became CEO in September of 2010, GM's fourth leader in two years. He took the reins as the company's recovery from bankruptcy was hitting its stride. The board hoped his background in private equity would give him a fresh perspective and allow him to shake up the slow-moving company. Despite streamlining decision-making, many in the company view him unwilling to listen. He recently removed the heads of sales, marketing, and Europe, which some critics viewed as too much change too fast. Akerson has pushed to bring products to market faster, but has hit resistance from engineers who fear that quality could suffer. Finally, he has bred resentment among employees by complaining that GM's culture is risk-averse and slow.

CALENDAR

MONDAY

Pioneer Oil Producers Society: Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., H.E.S.S. Club, 5430 Westheimer. Speaker: Professor Michael J. Economides, University of Houston. Topic: Post election views on the future of viable energy sources as related to technology, regulation and politics. Cost: \$22 members, \$30 non-members. Information: www.pioneeroil-producers.com. Reservations: 281-679-6547.

Business Planning for Beginners: Free business workshop presented by SCORE. 6-7:30 p.m., Houston Public Library, Central Branch, 500 McKinney. Gain insights on why a business plan is important and the preparation needed to initiate it. Learn the components

needed and how to put it all together. Registration: www.scorehouston.org.

TUESDAY

Grant Writing II: Class hosted by Leisure Learning Unlimited. Also Nov. 27. 6:45-10 p.m., 2990 Richmond, sixth floor. Learn the art of grant writing. Read the Request for Proposal with care. Produce an executive summary, cover letter, and intent letter. Discuss project evaluations, budgeting, and interpreting foundation guidelines. Cost: \$86 + \$10 for training materials. Information: www.lu.com or 713-529-4414.

Nota Anne Hennessy, author of No Boxing Allowed: Book signing, 7-10 p.m., Barnes and Noble - Noble Woodlands Mall, 1201 Lake Woodlands Drive.

Also on Nov. 23: 10 a.m.-noon, Barnes and Noble - Deerbroke Mall, 20131 Highway 59, Humble.

The After Hours Network: Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Little Napoli Italian Cuisine, 6445 Westheimer. Speaker: Beverly Santicola, president, US Government Grants. Topic: The keys to winning government grants. Cost: \$15. Information: www.afterhoursnetwork.com.

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Legal Notices

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BIDS & PROPOSALS

Bid # 13-102 ADVERTISEMENT FOR MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FOR MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES
Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Repairs and Maintenance District Wide Contract for Conroe Independent School District, in accordance with Proposal Documents. Proposals will be received by the Conroe Independent School District until proposal closing date and time, as identified below. Proposals from Offerors will then be opened in public and read aloud.
PROJECT: Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals #13-102 Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Repairs and Maintenance
OWNER: Conroe Independent School District
Office of Planning & Construction
3205 West Davis
Conroe, Texas 77304
Attn: Mr. Robert H. Burns
Phone: 936-709-7884
ENGINEER: DBI Engineering Consultants
9990 Richmond Avenue
South Building, Suite 300
Houston, Texas 77042
David Pruitt
Phone: 713-914-0888
PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: Thursday, November 27, 2012 @ 2:00PM
LOCATION OF PRE-PROPOSAL OPENING: Conroe Independent School District Planning & Construction Office
3205 West Davis
Conroe, Texas 77304
PROPOSAL DATE & TIME: Thursday, December 6, 2012 @ 9:30AM
LOCATION OF PROPOSAL OPENING: Conroe Independent School District Planning & Construction Office
3205 West Davis
Conroe, Texas 77304
Additional rooms will be available beginning on Monday, November 19, 2012, at Conroe ISD, Planning and Construction Office. All Proposals must be signed and brought to the time of bid opening. Two completed copies of the bid are required. The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity and to reject any/all proposals.
Gamma Construction invites you to propose on the following divisions of work for the New Caney Independent School District: Four Elementary School Additions, divisions 01-12 and divisions 21, 22, 23, 26, 31, 32 and 33. Proposals are due on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Please have your proposals with them, and delivered, faxed or called in by 2:00 to Gamma Construction attention Pam Haynes. There will be a pre-proposal meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Crippen Elementary School, 18690 Cumberland Blvd., Porter, Texas, 77365, meet at the front of the school. This is the contractor's office and highly encouraged. All plans are currently available at Houston AGC, ABC, Dodge, ISOFT, Gamma's FTP site and Gamma Construction's plan room, 2808 Joanel, Houston, Texas 77027 713-963-0086, fax # 713-963-0961. Free CDs with drawings and specs are available at Gamma's office.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Metropolitan Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.
IFB NO. IB1300002: For Aftermarket Automotive Parts for Non-revenue Vehicles. Solicitation will be available on or about 11-12-12.
Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <http://www.metro.org/Opportunities/Procurement/Solicitations.aspx>
If you are unable to download the documents or having difficulty please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.
IFB NO. IFBMM13006: For Purchase and Delivery of Mirrors for Transit Vehicles. Solicitation will be available on or about 11-19-12.
Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <http://www.metro.org/Opportunities/Procurement/Solicitations.aspx>
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Proposal Notice
MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 18
CFISD Project No. 12-07-3218R-FP
CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals from qualified contractors until 2:00 PM on **December 13, 2012** for Base Proposals, and 3:00 P.M. for Alternates Proposals at the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, Purchasing and Construction Administration Annex, 12510 Windfern Road, Houston, Texas 77064 for New Middle School No. 18. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **Wednesday, December 5, 2012** at 11:00 A.M. Proposal Evaluation Criteria are published in the "Instructions to Offerors" section of the proposal documents.
Plans and specifications will be available on after November 26, 2012 and can be obtained from the following address for a refundable deposit of \$500.00 per set. Make checks payable to Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Bay-IBI Group Architects, Inc. 18201 Gulf Freeway, Webster, Texas 77598 (281) 286-6605
The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and to reject any/all proposals.

NOTICE FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the construction of Phase I only of Brakera de (TNR Project) No. RDCN.149.000006, a 2.45 mile new-construction project from FM 973 to Taylor Lane consisting of construction of new, phased roadway and turn lanes involving grading, drainage improvements, water quality and detention improvements, signing, and lighting, shall be received by Bury+Partners, Inc. at 221 West Sixth Street, Suite 600 until 3:00 p.m., December 20, 2012, then publicly opened and read aloud. All bids shall be mailed or delivered to Bury+Partners, Inc. 221 West Sixth Street Austin, TX 78701, and shall be marked "Sealed Bid: Brakera Lane (TNR Project) No. RDCN.149.000006". An original bid and three copies of the bid shall be submitted. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond or a certified or cashier's check, payable to "Club Dead 120 Whisper Valley TX, LP," in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the total bid. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for this project on **Tuesday, December 4th, 2012 at 3:00 PM** at the office of Bury+Partners, Inc., at 221 West Sixth Street, Suite 600, Austin, TX 78701. Plans and specifications are available through the following address: **Line 700 Jeffrey Way Suite 300 Round Rock, TX 78665 for a non-refundable cost of \$155.**

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Request for Proposal For SBA 504 Loan Program Review For Houston-Galveston Local Development Corporation
Request for Proposals #: HGAC-LDC-2012-11-001
Response Deadline is: December 18, 2012, 4:00 pm CST
For details see: <http://www.h-gac.com/purchasing/>
The Houston-Galveston Local Development Corporation is seeking qualified firms for a two year engagement to review and access the SBA 504 Loan Program. The firm that is selected will develop a monitoring instrument and guidelines for the management of SBA 504 Loans.
Sealed Bid Solicitation #EM06-13
Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program
Earth Moving Equipment
Pre-Bid Conference: 12/6/12 @ 9am
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Public Opening: 02/12/13 @ 2pm
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.
Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice. Call 713-254-2554 or www.hgacbuy.org for info.

Spring Branch Independent School District will accept Request for Qualifications, until November 29, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at which time it will be publicly opened and read aloud.
For: Construction Manager at Risk
CM @ RISK TWO STEP PROCESS FOR VALLEY OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (9570)
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TYES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL
PERMIT NO. WQ0014327001
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 391, c/o Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of EPDES Permit No. WQ0014327001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 950,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on August 7, 2012.

The facility is located at 14820 1/2 Mueschke Road, approximately 4,000 feet northwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 29 and Mueschke Road in Harris County, Texas 77433. The treated effluent is discharged to a series of amenity lakes; thence to Dry Creek; thence to Cypress Creek in Segment No. 1009 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are limited aquatic life use for Amenity Lakes, no significant aquatic life use for Dry Creek, limited aquatic life use for Dry Creek (Appendix D, from Jarvis Road upstream to Jarvis Road), and intermediate aquatic life use for Dry Creek (Appendix D, from Cypress Creek upstream to Jarvis Road). The designated uses for Segment No. 1009 are contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Harris County Public Library, Northwest Branch Library, 11355 Regency Green Drive, Cypress, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application, http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/tp610/index.html?lat=29.985946&lng=-95.796398&zoom=13&type=PUBLIC_COMMENT/PUBLIC_MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to relevant material, including significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received by mailing also a request for instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY YOUR REQUEST: address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "I do request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.
Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director issues final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. To be placed on the permanent mailing list, contact the mailing list clerk at (713) 739-4881 and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.
All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 391 at the address stated above, by calling Mrs. Emily Fisher, P.E., R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc. at (713) 461-9600.
Issuance Date: October 23, 2012

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT
PERMIT NUMBER: 98149
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. TPC Group LLC, 8600 Park Place Blvd., Houston, Texas 77017-2513, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 98149, which would authorize modification to a Chemical Manufacturing Facility located at 8600 Park Place Blvd., Houston, Harris County, Texas 77017. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 9, 2011. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, particulate matter, including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston Regional office, and at the Park Place Regional Library, 8145 Park Place Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to relevant material, including significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application, http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/tp610/index.html?lat=29.979166&lng=-95.253888&zoom=13&type=PUBLIC_COMMENT/PUBLIC_MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests may be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. You may communicate with the TCEQ in Spanish. Please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.
Further information may also be obtained from Tpc Group Llc at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Geri Shoop, Staff Environmental Engineer at (713) 475-7422.
Notice Issuance Date: October 25, 2012

BIDS & PROPOSALS

Houston Community College
Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFCS)P
Project # 13-06 For Switchgear and Duct Bank Infrastructure for Central College
To obtain a copy of the solicitation documents go to our website at <http://www.hccs.edu/portal/site/hccs/menu.item.7daeb0bde85942075eefc10017401ca>
Questions should be submitted in writing by November 28, 2012 by 10:00 a.m. via fax or e-mail to Georgia Coats @ georgia.coats@hccs.edu, Fax: (713) 718-2113; or by e-mail to ba@hccs.edu. All inquiries will not be accepted. Pre-proposal Conference: A Mandatory meeting will be held in the Central Campus Hub, 1300 Holman, RM #100, Hou, TX 77004 on November 20, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m. (local time). Walk through will take place immediately after conference. Proposal Due Date/Time: December 06, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M. (local time) at Houston Community College, Procurement Operations, 1400 Main Street, 11th floor, Room 11A06 Houston, TX 77002. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:30 P.M. (local time) on December 06, 2012 at 000 Main Street, Seminar Room B. HCC is an equal opportunity institution, which does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age or disability.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Klein Independent School District is soliciting sealed offers to purchase 6.7 +/- acres of land, situated in the J. Zimmerman Survey, Abstract 946, located in Harris County, Texas. Elementary Road being in Harris County, Texas. Property information and detailed instructions for the submission of offers should be obtained from Robert Robertson, Auctioneer, at kleinrsd@aol.com, 832-249-4520. The deadline for submission of sealed offers is **2:00 PM, January 18, 2013**. Questions may be submitted in writing by **Friday, November 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., up to the deadline for submission** of sealed offers. KISD reserves the right to reject any or all offers.