

Justice Department in talks about dropping corruption case against NYC Mayor Eric Adams

by Panama Jackson | THE GRIO

(GRIO) - Senior officials in Trump's Justice Department have spoken with prosecutors in Manhattan about dropping the corruption case against Eric Adams, the current mayor of New York City, according to the New York Times.

Adams was indicted in September on a litany of charges including bribery, fraud and soliciting illegal foreign contributions. The charges stem from an investigation that dates back to 2021. Adams pleaded not guilty to all charges and the case is expected to go to trial in April.

President Trump and Adams have become friendly in recent months, according to the New York Times, and Trump felt like the Justice Department under former-President Biden treated Adams unfairly.

Black-owned brand founders at Target react to the store's mixing of DEI and calls for a boycott

by Kay Wicker
THE GRIO

(GRIO) - This week Target joined the list of stores scaling back (or doing away completely) with their DEI efforts.

Backlash was quickly followed by calls for a boycott, leading to at least one organization, We Are Somebody, planning one slated to begin on February 1. Initially, it was supposed to be a total ban on the store, although the organization has since updated the terms of the boycott to permit consumers to still shop from diverse brands.

In the days since, businesses owned by Black and brown folks and/or women stocked by the retailer have been pleading with consumers not to boycott. Since the Minneapolis-based retailer set a goal in 2022 to invest over \$2 billion to get over 500 Black-owned brands in its store by 2025, hundreds have come into the fold.

According to Reuters, the retailer is on track to meet that goal as there are plenty of Black-owned brands at Target across all departments, including hair and beauty, grocery, home goods, and office supplies. Major brands include Tracee Ellis Ross' haircare line Pattern, Gabrielle Union's Proudly baby care items, Ghetto Gastro's cookware and food items, Be Rooted stationary, and others.

Many of these same brands worry that a total boycott of Target could severely hurt their sales and adversely impact their chances of continuing business with the big box chain. Entrepreneurs and business owners who have spoken out so far include Tabitha Brown, Zoe Oli, and Melissa Butler.

To that end, Trump has even said publicly that he would consider a pardon for Adams in the event of a conviction.

It is not uncommon for Justice Department officials to discuss cases, especially high-profile cases, with their counterparts in various offices. Similarly, it is not uncommon for defense teams to ask the Justice Department to reduce or drop charges altogether. For the record, the prosecutor for the Southern District of New York has not indicated one way or the other whether they are considering dropping the case, but the timing is interesting given the transition of leadership in the Justice Department; none of the top roles (Attorney General, U.S. Attorney for Southern District of New York, etc.) are confirmed yet so continued conversation on such a high profile case is noteworthy.

The Pflugerville Independent School District will open Proposals for: **25-010JO Bank Depository Services**

RFP #25-010JO
February 28, 2025
@ 2:00 p.m.

All proposals may be completed and submitted online through:
Bonfire portal: click this link <https://pfsid.bonfirehub.com/projects>

The Proposal link may also be pulled from the PFISD website at:

<https://www.pfsid.net/about-us/departments/procurement-and-auxiliary-services/information-for-vendors/bidding-opportunities>

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - Huxted Trenchless is soliciting MBE/WBE participation for the City of Austin's Lady Bird Lake Bore for Pedernales Reconstructor, CLMC1056 project, bids 3/6/2025. For project details call 848-210-4119 or email, engineering@huxtedtrenchless.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
JOERIS GENERAL CONTRACTORS, LTD.,

Joeris General Contractors will be accepting competitive Proposals from Subcontractors and Suppliers for the: **AISD Burnet Middle School** until **2:00PM on Wed, Feb 19, 2025**. Proposals will be received by email at bidsAustin@joeris.com

Project Description: Early release package for Concrete, Earthwork, SWPPP, Utilities and construction services for **AISD Burnet Middle School**.

Plans may be reviewed at:
Joeris Website - www.joeris.com
or at Joeris General Contractors, 9211 Waterford Centre Blvd, Suite 150, Austin, TX 78758
O: (512) 920-0338; F: (512) 920-0339

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New York Mayor Eric Adams

Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Enhancement--GMP1

Public Legal Notice
Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP)

MWH Constructors, Inc, serving as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) representing CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS - AUSTIN WATER, is providing notice of a competitive sealed proposal (CSP) for an upcoming project:

Walnut Creek WWTP Expansion to 100 MGD and Enhancements – CMR Work Packages for this

Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) are:
· Proposal Package S100 – Headworks 1
· Proposal Package S101 – Influent Lift Station
· Proposal Package S113 – Abatement
· Proposal Package S116 – Electrical and I&C

Proposal Period: Starts Tuesday, January 28, 2025, and Ends Thursday, March 13, 2025

This project, designed by Carollo and CDM Smith, consists of new improvements to the existing Headworks 1 facility and construction of a new Influent Lift Station.

· **S100 Headworks 1 Improvements (Whole & Complete less Electrical scope), Estimated Construction Cost: \$40 million. Scope consists of: Structural improvements, Demolition, Civil work, Mechanical equipment, and Piping.**
· **S101 Influent Lift Station (Whole and Complete less Electrical Scope), Estimated Construction Cost: \$14 million. Scope consists of: Structural improvements, Demolition, Civil work, Mechanical equipment, and Piping.**
· **S113 Abatement, Estimated Construction Cost: \$400,000. Scope consists of abatement of lead or asbestos in existing structures.**
· **S116 Electrical & I&C for above work packages S100 & S101. Estimated Construction Cost: \$25 million. Scope consists of: Electrical duct bank, Electrical gear, conduit, wiring, and I&C devices.**

The objective of the four bid packages is to break the work down into manageable contracts while ensuring the proposing contractor captures all scope in the design documents in its entirety (Whole & Complete). This project is open to MBE/WBE firms, and you are strongly encouraged to propose. All qualified vendors will receive consideration for award without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status, sex or age.

This project will be a Contractor Controlled Insurance Program (CCIP) that provides General Liability, Excess, and Workers Compensation insurance. Proposers must exclude the costs of these coverages from their proposals.

To participate, all vendors must first register as a potential proposer with MWH. To register as a potential proposer, please visit BuildingConnected.com and join the Walnut Creek WWTP CMR - GMP 1 project. If any difficulties arise, you can contact the Project's general email at: WCWWTPproposals@mwhconstructors.com.

All registered vendors will be provided with digital access to all necessary proposal documents, drawings, specifications, and project related information through the BuildingConnected platform when the proposal period starts on **Tuesday January 28, 2025**.

A Pre-Proposal meeting for this project will be held at **11:00 AM (CST) on Tuesday February 11, 2025**, at the City of Austin Walnut Creek WWTP Administration Building, Main Conference Room, Located at: 7113 FM 969. Austin TX 78724 and will also be available virtually through Teams. An associated site walk/review to be held immediately following the Pre-Proposal meeting at approximately **1:00 PM (CST) on Tuesday February 11, 2025**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all **Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP)** will be electronically received. They shall be addressed to MWH Constructors Inc, C/O Joe Sesil and uploaded through Building Connected no later than **2:00 PM (CST) Thursday March 13, 2025**, to be determined in general compliance and considered eligible. Proposals received after this time will be considered "Non-Responsive" and will not be considered. The eligible proposals will be electronically opened and read aloud at **3:00 PM (CST) Thursday March 13, 2025**, online on Teams platform.

This CSP will comply with applicable City of Austin and State Statutes. The successful Proposer will be selected by MWH on a rational best value basis. Evaluation factors outlined in Instruction to Proposers Bid Form Section of the CSP shall be applied to all eligible Responsive Proposers in comparing proposals and selecting the successful Proposer. Award of a contract may be made without discussion with Proposers after proposals are received. Proposals should, therefore, be submitted on the most favorable terms.

Until the final award of this project, MWH reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, retract and, if necessary, re-advertise this CSP without explanation, including waiving any informalities therein.



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Integral Care is currently soliciting proposals to provide Residential Services. The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be accessed at integralcare.org/business-opportunities. The deadline to submit a proposal under the RFP is 5:00 P.M. CST on February 20, 2025. Historically Underutilized Businesses, including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses, are encouraged to apply.

DeNucci Constructors, LLC invites all City of Austin MBE/WBE Certified Businesses to bid on this project:
North Austin CIPP Wastewater Renewal
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CORE Construction, Inc., Construction Manager at Risk for Austin ISD is requesting Competitive Bids from subcontractors and suppliers for Barrington Elementary School Replacement. Please provide GMP proposals based on current Construction Documents.

Austin ISD Barrington ES Replacement:
Proposals for Barrington ES Replacement are due on **Thursday, February 13th, 2025, by 2:00 pm CST**. Submit via email to bidstx@coreconstruction.com, through Building Connected or by hand delivery to CORE Construction, 4407 N Interstate Hwy 35, #102 Georgetown, TX 78626, or 6320 Research Rd, Frisco, TX 75033.

Please make sure to submit all documents and questions directly through Building Connected. If you need to be added to Building Connected reach out to Trevor or Connor.

CORE Construction will be hosting a virtual pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, at 10:00 am, via MS Teams. Please use the below link or meeting ID to join:

Meeting ID: 234 348 966 554
Passcode: wS3CB9nA

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Please reach out to Trevor Flinn trevorflinn@coreconstruction.com Or Connor Wade connorwade@coreconstruction.com with any questions.

Plans are available via Building Connected and area plan rooms. All interested subcontractors and suppliers including Local, HUB, MBE, WBE SBE are encouraged to participate.

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