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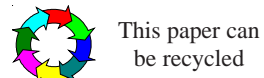
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RAPPIN' Thomas Wyatt

### CONSEQUENCES AND LEGACIES

Happy **Black History Month**, Villigians! We are finishing week two of the new **Trump** administration. And man, to be honest, I can't knock Trump's hustle. **Chaos** is the name of his game. And Trump does that well. I also must make an admission to you good people. For, if I don't, I won't be able to sleep at night.

Trump's current acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), **Thomas Douglas Homan**, a.k.a. "**The Border Czar**", is my favorite member of his cabinet.

In fact, he's my favorite person in politics. Dude doesn't mince words. And just like **'Tony Montana'**, he always tells the truth; even when he lies.

And even though we're on opposite sides of the political spectrum, *at times*, we agree on more things than not.

For instance, I've always said **undocumented migrants** know what they're getting into before they cross the **US border**. If they come here – illegally – then they know the potential **consequences** thereafter. Period! Homan concurs.

So, when actress **Selena Gomez** cries crocodile tears about "*her* [Mexican] people getting **attacked**", I say, "Hold up, yo! There are illegal immigrants from 208 nations. No one is "attacking" *your* **Mexicans**. **Haitians** and **Africans** are in the mix, too. But do you see me *crying*?"

You see, this is the kind of stuff that costs like-minded people as Gomez, sympathy.

No one wants to see families busted up by **ICE** with their **warrantless** raids.

We aren't heartless people.

However, when I'm paying **\$20,000** worth of income taxes, but can't see my own doctor because the lobby is packed with illegal immigrants awaiting their 'free care', I get **hot**.

Furthermore, *unlike* Gomez's grandparents, my ancestors **didn't come here** seeking a better life for them or their children; *while* breaking the law. They were **stolen** from their homeland, *sold* and *bought*, to live the rest of their lives as **slaves**.

And when my ancestors were **caught** trying to '**escape**' bondages, maltreatments and oppressions, their consequences were **far** greater than Gomez's '**deported peoples**'.

You see, from my perspective, this is why **BHM** matters! It's recommended to *know our laws*. But it's **mandatory** to *comprehend our legacies*!

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# The Committee

The Original Austin Chapter's Black History Program

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by **Barbara Foreman, Chair,**  
**African Americans and Labor: Railroads to Robots**

(AUSTIN, TX) - Sunday, February 23rd, The Committee, The Original Austin Chapter (TCTOAC), will celebrate Black History Month by showcasing: "**African Americans and Labor: Railroads to Robots.**"

The Committee's purpose is to mentor and support youth by providing academic scholarships to deserving, graduating seniors in the surrounding communities. The Committee also inspires and mentors minority-owned businesses via event recognition; social media; business card exchanges; and seminars. Through its annual "All White Affaire Scholarship Fundraiser." The Committee has awarded nearly \$40,000.00 in scholarships, and dis-

### EVENT TO BE HELD AT Freedom Home Baptist Church 3405 Oak Springs Dr, Austin, TX 78721

tributed hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies to support teachers and students.

Additionally, The Committee supports Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated; Freedom Home Missionary Baptist Church; Roger Hughes' Lodge #624 Youth Program; CHEOPS Temple #200 -Toys for Tots; and the Arabic Order Noble Mystic Shrine Youth Organization.

This year's celebration will honor three (3) Austin Legends: Aaron Demerson, President & Chief Executive Officer, Texas Economic Development Corporation; Stacy Rhone; Chief Executive Officer, Big AUSTIN; and Quita Culpepper, Anchor, KVUE Austin.

These individuals have demonstrated a long-term commitment to economic development, jobs creation, entrepreneurship, and reported on our everyday quest to build a better quality of life. The afternoon will be filled with music, dance and poetry. Special performers include: Spirit of the Drum; Imani Aanu; Levi Randolph; G Garlow; the amazing Buffalo Soldiers with their traveling museum; and the award-winning STEM Club from Manor Early College High School.

A dessert reception will conclude the celebration. The celebration is FREE to the public. The Committee is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization. For more information go to: [www.tctoac.com](http://www.tctoac.com) or email: [leopardprintmedia@gmail.com](mailto:leopardprintmedia@gmail.com).

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Austin showcasing several Black History Month events. See **BLOCK PARTY** Page 2



UT honors John Chase by naming library after him. See **FIRST** Page 4



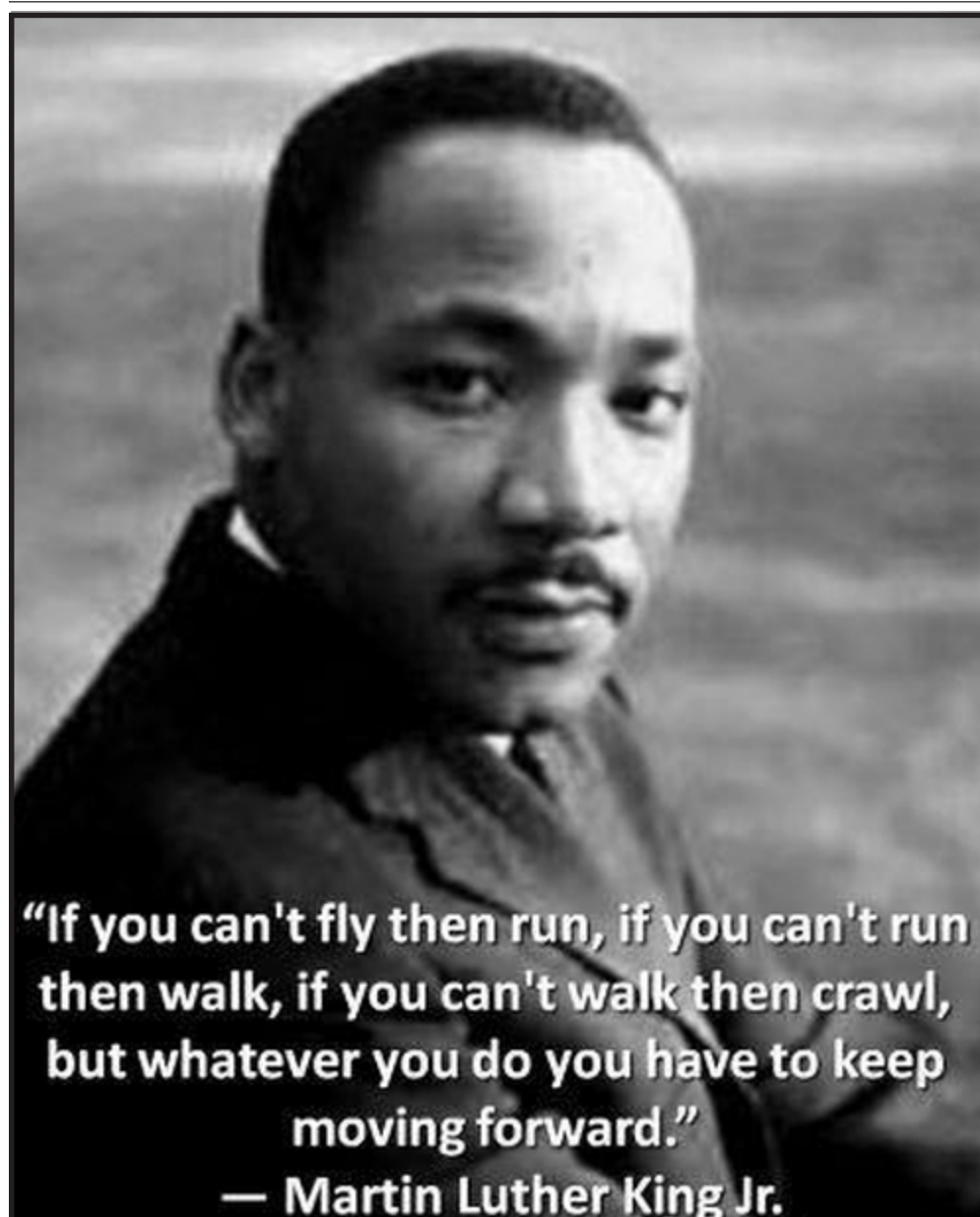
First Black woman to join U.S. Army Nurse Corps passes. See **NANCY** Page 6

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# Solar Saturday: Black History Month Kick-Off Block Party

Carver Museum | See event details below



Due to inclement weather, the 2025 MLK March was canceled.

However, we are excited to announce that the MLK Festival and Rally will proceed on a rescheduled date!

Join us on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Huston-Tillotson University, located at 900 Chicon St, Austin, TX 78702.

This celebration will feature live music, inspiring speakers, food, and activities for all ages. We look forward to honoring Dr. King's legacy together in a safe and welcoming environment.

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope to see you there!



## Black History Month at Carver Museum, Cultural, and Genealogy Center



(AUSTIN, TX) - Join the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural, and Genealogy Center at 1165 Angelina St. to commemorate Black History Month in February 2025 with exciting, educational, and free programs that highlight this year's theme, African Americans and Labor. Black History Month themes are developed by the Association for the Study of African American Life and

History, an organization that was founded by the Father of Black History Month Carter G. Woodson.

### Black History Month Kick-Off Block Party!

Carver's Black History Month kicks-off on Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with **Solar Saturday, a multigenerational, full-site activation block party** featuring live music, cultural

arts, and a vibrant vendor market. Get into the celebratory spirit as DJ Marc V. Fort spins vintage sounds on long play and the gallery comes alive with the Presence Exhibit. Visitors of all ages can enjoy hands-on art activities and join in community dance celebrations, including an African American social dance session and high-energy Hip Hop Step fitness classes.

Black History Month



Holy Cross Catholic Church will be commemorating Black History Month every Sunday in February. Please join us for 10:00am Mass, and a brief presentation in our Family Life Center immediately following, as we explore this year's theme of **African Americans and Labor**.

**February 2, 2025 - The History of African American's Contributions to Society**

**February 9, 2025 - The Church and Labor**

**February 16, 2025 - Diversity in the Workplace - Navigating and Networking**

**February 23, 2025 - Motherland Sunday**



### In Celebration of Black History Month

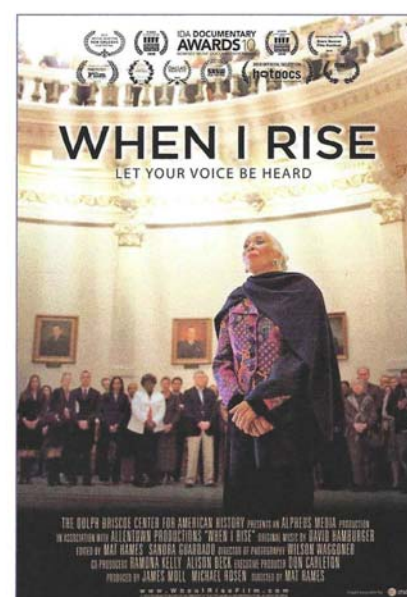
#### WHEN I RISE

Film Screening and Discussion with Award-Winning Director **Mat Hames**

Saturday, Feb. 15  
1:00—3:30 p.m.  
Free and open to the public

King-Seabrook Chapel  
Huston-Tillotson University  
900 Chicon St., Austin, TX 78702

Parking available in the Chalmers parking lot and along Chalmers on the west side of the campus. Parking may also be found along 9th Street on the east side of the campus.



A gifted University of Texas music student finds herself struggling against the odds at the epicenter of racial controversy.

*When I Rise* tells the inspiring story of Barbara Smith Conrad, one of the first Black undergraduates at The University of Texas. When she was cast as the female lead opposite a white male student in the opera *Dido and Aeneas*, she became a target of racial discrimination but ultimately ascended to the heights of international opera.



Please contact Chris Mabley ([cmabley65@gmail.com](mailto:cmabley65@gmail.com)) or Mike Hirsch ([mhirsch@htu.edu](mailto:mhirsch@htu.edu)) with any questions.

You are invited to a screening of the acclaimed documentary, followed by a discussion with the film's director, Mat Hames.



programming continues all month with That's My Face film screenings, Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Day, Create and Heal: The Art of Gospel with a special gospel performance in the newly renovated Boyd Vance Theatre, and closes out with Black History Month Kids' Day! There will also be special programs presented in partnership with Black-led organizations and institutions including Torch Literary Arts, Praise

View A&M, Huston Tillotson, and more! Follow Carver Museum on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and X (Twitter) **@Carver MuseumATX**. For Black History event information and to learn more, visit **Austin Texas.gov/BlackHistory**.

The George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center is a historic landmark dedicated to preserving Black history, culture, and aesthetic

expression. Located in East Austin, the Museum served as Austin's first branch library and the first library that the African-American community could access. In 1980, the library became the first African-American neighborhood museum in Texas. Today, the 39,000-square-foot facility includes galleries, meeting spaces, a darkroom, a dance studio, a 134-seat theatre, an archive, a community garden, a genealogy center.

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**(AUSTIN, TX)** - Thousands of students will descend to the Palmer Events Center in Austin in February, ready to show off their skills, innovation, and creativity at this year's Greater Austin Regional Science and Engineering Fair or GARSEF.

It's one of Texas' largest regional science fairs with almost 3,000 students from 3rd through 12th grade participating. It encourages and rewards innovative student research and provides scientists, engineers, and other professionals a chance to volunteer in the community. This year a group of volunteers was given the opportunity to judge L.L. Campbell Elementary School's Science Fair. The volunteers consisted of members representing the NAACP, NSPDK Delta Beta Chapter, Douglass Club of Austin, NCNW (National Council of Negro Women), Sisters Network, AKAs, and The Austin Chapter The Links, Inc

This group of volunteers (a partnership of organizations) was more than honored to serve our scholars to promote Science Education. Science Education has the promise of continued excellence in our schools. Several projects received perfect scores. The judges were impressed by the high quality of work by all grade levels.

This group of volunteers and their non-profit organizations mission is to work through and with



diverse cooperating agencies and organizations in both public and private sectors to provide leadership, support, and outreach; to strengthen the economic and social position of African American women and their families; **advocate** for and provide services to families.

This group of volunteers, an Austin area partnership, will continue to serve Austin ISD and all area schools because since 1956 a version of The Greater Austin Regional Science and Engineering Fair has provided the inspiration, guidance, and support to build the robust STEM community we all enjoy in the Austin area.

Therefore, families, provide your scholar with the tools needed to excel.

**HHSC Encourages Cancer Screenings During Cervical Health Awareness Month**

**(AUSTIN, TX)** – The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is encouraging women to get screened for cervical cancer as part of National Cervical Health Awareness Month this January.

"Cervical cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented," said Crystal Starkey, deputy executive commissioner for Family Health Services at HHSC. "Routine cervical cancer screening is the most effective way to detect cervical cancer early, and the first step is talking with your doctor."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends regular cervical cancer screenings for women ages 21–65. Cervical cancer is the third-leading cancer diagnosis for women ages 20-39 and fifth-leading for women ages 40-49 in Texas. According to the Texas Cancer Registry, an estimated 1,490 Texas women were expected to be diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2024.

The HHSC Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program provides free and low-cost women's health services for uninsured and underinsured Texas women who meet eligibility requirements. Services include cervical and breast cancer screenings and biopsies, clinical breast examinations and mammograms. Breast and Cervical Cancer Services helps fund clinics across the state that provide these lifesaving screening and diagnostic services. In fiscal year 2023, the program served 31,429 women, including 5,661 women who received cervical cancer screenings.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Services is primarily funded through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Administered by the CDC, the program awards funding to states for early detection of cervical and breast cancers. For fiscal year 2024, the federal program awarded Breast and Cervical Cancer Services more than \$5 million, and the Texas Legislature appropriated an additional \$3.4 million.

To find Breast and Cervical Cancer Services providers or learn more about women's health services, visit the Healthy Texas Women website or call 2-1-1.

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# Blackcott Jeff Bezos and his Amazon corporate policies

by Nina Joudeh | IRISH STAR



**(PEOPLE)** - Amazon has recently made several major internal changes, including removing statements advocating for LGBTQ rights and racial equity from its public listing of corporate policies. This is a bold move for the second-largest employer in the world, which also just announced a documentary with First Lady Melania Trump.

The deletion of previous statements pledging to commit to “equity for Black people” and “LGBTQ+ rights” were removed from a page on the company’s website in December, as were any mentions of the word “transgender,” according to The Washington Post.

Amazon’s website previously stated the company stood “in solidarity” with Black employees and customers and supported “legislation to combat misconduct and racial bias in policing, efforts to protect and expand voting rights, and initiatives that provide better health and educational outcomes for Black people.” This section has since been deleted.

**Black lives matter**  
Amazon stands in solidarity  
with the Black community

References to federal and state laws that safeguard transgender individuals, along with mentions of the company’s health benefits for transgender employees, were also omitted.

Amazon’s decision to eliminate the section on gender-affirming healthcare benefits has sparked concerns that employees may lose insurance coverage for gender-affirming treatments. Other statements regarding pro-diversity efforts, initiatives, or pro-LGBTQ public policy positions, such as support for federal legislation like the Equality Act, are gone. Instead, the major retailer has opted for a more generic statement opposing discrimination.

“We also believe that inequitable treatment of anyone — including Black people, LGBTQ+ people, Asians, women, and others — is unacceptable, and we advocate for policies designed to remove barriers to equity and create an inclusive environment for all employees,” the website reads.

A once-champion of “diversity, equity, and inclusion” now says: “We appreciate that our 1.4 million team members reflect the world’s diversity.”

Amazon’s modifications mirror similar actions taken by other major companies after Trump’s election victory, including Meta, McDonald’s, and Walmart.



**The University of Texas at Austin**  
WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

# UT Architecture Library Named for Texas’ First Black Architect

by University of Texas Media Relations



**John Chase enrolls at UT in 1950. Credit The University of Texas in Austin.**

**(AUSTIN, TX)** — Two days after the U.S. Supreme Court integrated American higher education with its 1950 Sweatt v. Painter decision, John Chase, a Black student, enrolled in the School of Architecture at The University of Texas. Now, the library at the heart of that school will be named the John S. Chase Architecture and Planning Library, thanks to a generous gift and pledge from Chase’s son, Tony Chase, and daughter-in-law Dina Al-Sowayel.

John Chase was a pioneering Longhorn and leader on several fronts. He was the first Black person to become a:

- Graduate of the School of Architecture.
- Licensed architect in the South.
- Member of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.
- President of the UT alumni association, the Texas Exes (1998-1999).

“John Chase was an exceptional UT student and graduate who paved the way for progress and change as one of the University’s first Black students,” said UT President Jay Hartzell. “He then utilized his considerable talents, creativity and education to design special places that brought people together. It is fitting that his name will now grace a special place on our campus and will help provide opportunities for future architects to attend and excel at UT. We are honored by the close bonds that UT has formed with the Chase family through the years, and we are inspired by their generosity — just as we are also inspired by John Chase’s story.”

John Chase, M. Ar. 1952, received the Texas Exes’ highest honor, the Distinguished Alumnus Award, in 1992. While at UT, he met and married Drucie Rucker in a union that lasted 60 years. He died in 2012. This year marks his centenary.

Tony Chase and Al-Sowayel have pledged a \$5 million gift to support the UT School of Architecture and the Architecture & Planning Library. The gift includes a \$1 million pledge made in 2022 that created two new endowments in the School of Architecture. The UT Libraries space being named for Chase comprises the majority of the space within Battle Hall, the 1911 Cass Gilbert-designed library to the immediate southwest of the UT Tower, considered by many the architectural crown jewel of the campus.

The Architecture and Planning Library and the Alexander Architectural Archives are among the most significant architectural collections in the world.

Filled with stacks of books, journals, rare publications and special collections, the library serves academic research needs and is an important resource for architecture, art history, design and planning.

John Chase was an active volunteer at the University, serving as a member of UT’s Development Board and Commission of 125. He led an architectural practice with studios in Houston, Dallas and Washington, D.C., and he co-founded the National Organization of Minority Architects. His earliest works include churches, single-family residences and small office buildings for the Black community, some in East Austin. In 1952, he designed the headquarters for the Colored Teachers State Association

of Texas. In 2018, the building was acquired by UT, restored, updated and dedicated as the John S. and Drucie R. Chase Building.

Chase was tapped to design 21 buildings and performed at least 15 renovations for Texas Southern University, where he also taught, in addition to helping devise the campus master plan. Other notable projects include the George R. Brown Convention Center and Harris County Astrodome Renovation in Houston, as well as the Washington Technical Institute, Links Inc. National Headquarters, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. National Headquarters, all in Washington, D.C. All told, almost 300 known buildings or renovation projects can be attributed to John Chase’s firm.

“This is a monumental moment for the Librar-



**John and Drucie Chase in front of the San Antonio Garage that he designed. Photo circa early 1990s**

ies and the University,” said Lorraine Haricombe, vice provost and director of UT Libraries. “John Chase’s vision and talent have left an indelible mark on the world of architecture and design. This milestone gift not only represents a lasting tribute to a historical figure but will further elevate the renowned Architecture and Planning Library on the Forty Acres, where students dream of drawing and creating structures for the benefit of us all.”

“My father always said, ‘A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives,’” Tony Chase said. “Our hope is that having my father’s name and story of perseverance and positive change affixed to this library will inspire future generations of students to broaden their awareness of what is possible.”

Tony Chase is the chairman and CEO of Chase Source LP — a staffing, facilities management and construction firm he founded. He presently sits on the board of directors of Lyondell Basell, Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc. and Nabors Industries. He also is a founder of Cricket Wireless, a former vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and an Eagle Scout. He is a life member of the UT School of Architecture’s Advisory Council. Al-Sowayel was a professor and associate director of women’s studies at the University of Houston, where her husband is a law professor emeritus. John Chase’s daughter, Saundria Chase Gray, is a graduate of the UT School of Law and serves on the UT Libraries Advisory Council.

## National test scores show Texas students still lag in math and reading

By Jaden Edison | THE TEXAS TRIBUNE



**(EDUCATION)** - Texas' fourth- and eighth-grade students' overall reading and math scores dropped in 2024, though Texas children learning English and Black fourth-graders ranked near the top of the country in some of those areas, according to national test results released on Wednesday.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP, tests a sample of fourth- and eighth-grade public school students every two years, measuring how children across different states perform in core subjects. Nearly 240,000 students took the exam nationwide, with Texas students making up roughly 5% of the test takers.

Unlike the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, better known as the STAAR test, the NAEP exam — often referred to as the Nation's Report Card — does not track student progress on subject standards set by the Texas State Board of Education.

A decline in math scores continued for many Texas students who took the NAEP test last year. Texas' lower-income students scored worse than their wealthier peers in reading and math. The state's Black and Hispanic students also lagged behind white students.

Texas' overall eighth-grade math scores plummeted by 4 points, continuing a decline dating back to 2011, according to a Texas Tribune data analysis. Math scores nationwide have also collapsed over a similar period. Texas' fourth-grade math scores, on the other hand, climbed by 2 points and rose six spots in national rankings.

In reading, fourth-grade students in Texas experienced a 2-point drop in scores compared to 2022, while eighth-grade reading scores decreased by 3 points. No state in the country saw gains on the reading exam in either grade compared to the 2022 results, according to the exam's governing board.

"These results highlight the continued challenges our students face in literacy and numeracy and should sound the alarm for school leaders and policymakers alike," Gabe Grantham, an education policy adviser for Texas 2036, said in a statement. "While we are encouraged by slight gains in fourth-grade math, the overall picture is clear — Texas students need more support from both schools and the state to build strong reading and math foundations."

The nationwide test results have raised significant worries among public education advocates across the country about the profound difficulty in helping students rebound from learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Still, the picture wasn't completely bleak in Texas.

Texas students learning English ranked among the top five in the nation in fourth- and eighth-grade reading and math, respectively, compared to their peers, according to a snapshot of data from the Texas Education Agency.

In addition, Black fourth graders in Texas led the way in math scores when compared to other Black students in the same grade across the country. Asian students who took the fourth-grade math exam ranked second among their counterparts, as did low-income fourth-grade students.

# Merit vs DEI

By April Ryan | NNPA NEWSWIRE

**(NNPA)** - "He [President Trump] is sanctioning...employment discrimination," says Marc Morial the President and CEO of the National Urban League. Morial said he has talked to McDonald's executives who recently dropped their DEI efforts as well as Walmart and he stepped off an unofficial board of Facebook as they moved to end DEI without consulting with that board. Morial made these statements on the Black Press USA show Make it Plain. Make it Plain He spoke on the cancellation of diversity equity and inclusion through a new executive order signed in the first days of this new Trump administration.

The Trump EO focuses on the word "merit" as the new hiring protocol. The definition of merit the administration is adhering to is people selected based on their ability. For the companies and federal agencies embracing the executive order Morial expressed "we have to judge you on your results." According to the Urban League stats the current American workforce of those under the age of 40 is made up of more women than it is men. Also, the workforce under the age of 40 is half white and the other half is made up of nonwhite workers. "When you start excluding people from these businesses who will do the work," questioned the head of the rights group.

The National Urban League this week led a roundtable discussion with other heads of civil rights groups and leaders from other racially diverse communities on the challenge of DEI in governmental departments and private sector businesses. The leaders particularly Morial were anticipating the cancellation of DEI in the federal government and private sector business is not a surprise as "Project 2025 telegraphed all these things would happen." Morial has talked to companies who have publicly



**Businesspeople, teamwork and fist of hands in circle for collaboration, synergy and motivation of global equality from above (Photo By Jacob Wackerhausen)**

said they are walking away from DEI. "Some are trying to have it both ways... as some have stepped away [from DEI] completely. "When asked if the coalition of leaders would meet with President Trump, Morial emphasized substance over a photo op saying, "we are not opposed to a meeting with the president, but it has got to be real." Meanwhile, when it comes to Black buying power, Morial told Black Press USA Thursday that the black buying power in this nation is close to "\$2 trillion" and combined with other minority groups it is \$5 trillion" the Urban League also tallied the most purchased item by Black consumers in this country, GRITS.

## Trump Administration Rescinds Federal Funding Freeze After Court Ruling and Backlash



By Stacy M. Brown  
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**(NNPA)** - President Donald Trump's administration on Wednesday rescinded a Project 2025-inspired order that had abruptly frozen most federal grants and loans, a sweeping directive that threw social service programs like Head Start, student loans, and Medicaid into disarray. The initial order, issued earlier in the week, sparked widespread confusion and disruption, prompting a swift legal challenge. On Tuesday evening, a federal judge temporarily blocked the freeze, and by Wednesday, the White House pulled back the directive altogether. The order's reversal came after mounting pressure from lawmakers, advocacy groups, and affected organizations. The White House insisted the move was intended to "end any confusion" following the court's injunction, but critics called it a political miscalculation. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the administration backed down only because of public outcry. "Americans fought back, and Donald Trump backed off," Schumer said in a statement. "Though the Trump administration failed in this tactic, it's no secret that they will try to find another, and when they do, it will again be Senate Democrats there to call it out, fight back, and defend American families."

However, the administration made clear that its broader policies on federal funding remain intact. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt wrote on X that this was "NOT a rescission of the federal funding freeze," but rather a rollback of the memo itself to "end any confusion" created by the court's ruling. "The President's executive orders on federal funding remain in full force and effect and will be rigorously implemented," she added. The initial freeze caused immediate uncertainty, particularly in Washington, D.C., and Republican-leaning states heavily reliant on federal funds. Throughout Tuesday, the White House attempted to clarify exemptions—such as Medicaid—but the damage had already been done. Reports surfaced by people and organizations unable to access critical federal resources, heightening concerns about the real-world impact of the freeze.

The legal challenge that led to the order's reversal was filed by Democracy Forward, a progressive nonprofit, which argued that the directive was

an unconstitutional overreach that endangered millions of Americans. "While we hope this will enable millions of people in communities across the country to breathe a sigh of relief, we condemn the Trump-Vance administration's harmful and callous approach of unleashing chaos and harm on the American people," said Skye Perryman, the organization's CEO. "Our team will continue to bring swift legal actions to protect the American people and will use the legal process to ensure that federal funding is restored." The uncertainty caused by the administration's actions drew sharp criticism from organizations that rely on federal assistance. Melicia Whitt-Glover, executive director of the Council on Black Health, warned that the confusion threatens health programs serving historically marginalized communities. "While the Council on Black Health is not fully reliant on federal funding, many of our partners are, and they now face disruptions that threaten their ability to continue their vital work. This impacts the communities we serve and exacerbates health inequities," she said.

The administration's actions have drawn scrutiny given the financial reliance of Republican-leaning states on federal aid. A MoneyGeek analysis found that seven of the 10 states most dependent on federal funding lean Republican, receiving an average of \$1.24 for every dollar contributed, while blue states receive \$1.14. New Mexico, a Democratic-leaning state, saw the highest return on federal spending at \$3.42 per dollar contributed, while Delaware had the lowest at \$0.46. Public Citizen, a government watchdog group, called the original freeze an unnecessary crisis that harmed vulnerable Americans. "The incompetence and cruelty of this order caused nationwide confusion and anxiety, as across the country regular Americans spoke out about the human impacts—the loss of jobs, essential services, and harms to children among many other vulnerable populations," said Lisa Gilbert, co-president of the organization. "The White House overplayed their hand as they levied this Project 2025-inspired order and made it clear that they want to sow chaos and gut programs that help families. We will keep up the fight to make sure that does not happen."

# Nancy Lieutenant-Colon, Trailblazing Army Nurse and Air Force Veteran, Dies at 104

By Stacy M. Brown | NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent | @StacyBrownMedia

**(NNPA)** - Nancy Lieutenant-Colon, the first Black woman to join the U.S. Army Nurse Corps after the military was desegregated in the 1940s, has died at the age of 104. She passed away earlier this month at a nursing home in New York. Known for quietly breaking barriers during her remarkable military career, Lieutenant-Colon enjoyed a legacy of resilience, excellence, and service.

Born on September 29, 1920, in Goose Creek, South Carolina, to James and Eunice Lieutenant, she graduated from Amityville High School in New York in 1939. Despite facing racial discrimination, Lieutenant-Colon pursued her passion for nursing, graduating from Lincoln School of Nursing in 1941. According to her biography posted on Tuskegeearmen.org, when she initially sought to join the Armed Forces, she was denied due to her race. Undeterred, she persisted and was accepted as a reservist into the Army Nurse Corps in January 1945, becoming a Second Lieutenant and serving at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, treating wounded soldiers from World War II.

In 1948, after President Harry Truman issued



(Lieutenant-Colon family photo via AP)



**Nancy Lieutenant-Colon**

Known for quietly breaking barriers during her remarkable military career, Lieutenant-Colon enjoyed a legacy of resilience, excellence, and service.

Executive Order 9981 abolishing segregation in the military, Lieutenant-Colon became the first Black woman integrated into the Regular Army Nurse Corps. Her career continued to flourish as she transitioned to the newly established U.S. Air Force, where she supported missions during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, serving in various locations, including Germany, Japan, Alaska, and Vietnam. As a Flight Nurse with the 6481st Medical Air Evacuation Group, she evacuated wounded soldiers from active war zones and was credited with saving countless lives.

Her groundbreaking service extended beyond the battlefield. In 1989, she became the first woman elected as National President of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., where she held multiple leadership roles. Honored with numerous accolades, Lieutenant-Colon received honorary doctorates from Tuskegee University and Mount Saint Vincent College and was inducted into the Long Island Air and Space Hall of Fame.

After retiring as Chief Nurse at McGuire Air Force Base in 1965, Lieutenant-Colon continued to serve her community as a school nurse at her alma mater, Amityville High School, until 1984. In 2018, the school honored her with a new media center named in her memory.

"She was just an awesome person," her nephew Chris Lieutenant told The Associated Press. "She never created waves when she was doing all this first this, first that. She never made a big thing of it. It was just happening."

## “The Threat That Unregulated AI Poses to Civil Rights and National Security”

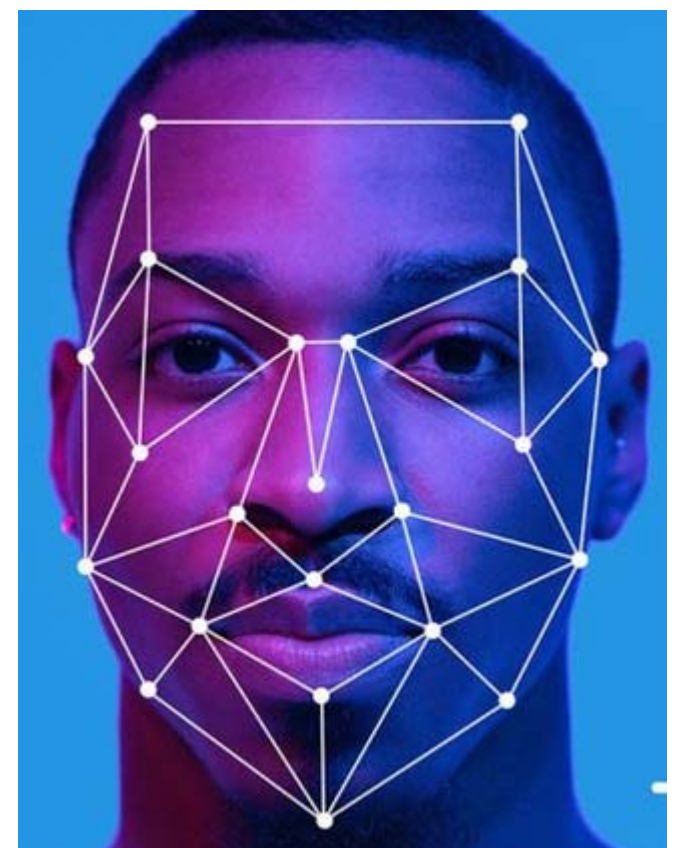
By April Ryan | NNPA NEWSWIRE

**(NNPA)** - “The threat that unregulated AI poses to Civil rights and National Security” is a top priority of the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights according to its President and Executive Director, Damon Hewitt. The rights organization has been working to reach Trump officials on AI bias data they presented to the major 2024 presidential campaigns during the race for the White House. Just days into the second Trump term, Damon Hewitt says the priority hasn’t changed but the “strategy” will.

The push by the rights group comes on the heels of this week’s White House announced partnership between OpenAI, Oracle, and SoftBank, initially formed in 2024. Stargate is funded by the private sector and will build data centers along with electricity generation. Days before the Trump Stargate announcement Hewitt expressed a concern about how the administration “by invitation”, will allow “companies to run a muck” when it comes to unregulated AI.

Just last week, Jake Sullivan, the outgoing Biden administration National Security advisor told this reporter, “There have been a lot of studies to show that [AI] bias is a genuine challenge.” He continued by saying AI bias can “undermine social cohesion in the United States and globally.” The former national security advisor also implicated problems in the fight against “terrorism” with biased AI intelligence. When Hewitt learned of Sullivan’s statement, he said, “The acknowledgment is important!”

During the Biden administration, the focus on AI bias was addressed through the administration’s AI Bill of Rights and an AI Executive Order. Hewitt believed the Biden administration understood the pervasiveness of the problem. Now Hewitt is working to make Trump officials more aware. A Trump administration staffer emphasized when asked about this AI bias concern that “this is early in the administration and there is more to come.” However, it is uncertain if more to come will include addressing the issue of AI bias.



## Texans fight back against Trump executive order rampages

by Gregory Stevenson | DEFENDER

**(LOCAL & STATE)** - Several Texas elected officials are fighting back, legally and otherwise, against what they are describing as an onslaught against the overall well-being of U.S. citizens.

According to these officials, these attacks come from President Donald Trump’s barrage of recent executive orders.

### Funding halt worries

The White House Office of Management and Budget, led by Project 2025 architect Russel Vought, issued a memo halting federal assistance programs that the current administration views as potentially not aligning with Trump’s ideological policies.

That funding halt, which could affect trillions of dollars, went into effect Tuesday at 5 p.m., leaving hundreds, if not thousands, of Texans and Americans nationally scrambling to figure out the next steps.

“This reckless freeze directly targets programs critical to millions of Texans, including Head Start, WIC, school lunches, Section 8 housing, child care grants, and funding for countless nonprofits that provide essential services to our communities,” read a Jan. 28 email sent out by the Texas Democrats.

The funding freeze could cause widespread disruption in healthcare research, education programs, and other initiatives. The Trump administration’s freeze even includes grants that have been awarded but not yet spent.

Multiple states have already reported that their

agencies and early education centers are unable to access money from Medicaid and Head Start.

### Texans respond

“This is what happens when we have a president who has no idea what life is like for everyday Americans—or simply doesn’t care,” said Texas Democratic Party Chair Gilberto Hinojosa in a statement. “Texas Democrats are sounding the alarm: this is not governance—it’s a calculated effort to destabilize our government, disenfranchise the public, and shock the resistance out of us.”

“At a time when Texans are already struggling with rising costs, stagnant wages, and negligent state leadership, the last thing we need is an administration playing politics with our livelihoods. This isn’t just a policy decision—it’s a betrayal of the working class and an undeniable sign that Trump’s America caters only to the wealthiest few,” added Hinojosa.

Hinojosa is not alone in condemning the recent move from the White House. U.S. Congressman Al Green, in fact, lumped an entire series of Trump’s executive orders together as a cause for serious concern on Jan. 24, days before Trump’s most recent funding freeze order.

“In less than a week, President Trump has, among many other things, per CNN: put a freeze on civil rights cases; recognized only two genders; shut down the gun violence prevention office; put DEI federal employees on paid leave; halted police reform agreements; begun mass deportations; and challenged birthright citizenship,” Green said in a statement.

“If the above doesn’t get your attention, maybe this will: A United States congressman has introduced H.J.Res.29, a joint resolution to allow President Trump to serve three terms. Friends, we cannot defeat the ‘Make America Hate Agenda’ by expecting others to help us when we won’t help others,” added Green, who issued a call for a coalition of resistance.

“While our issues appear to be different, the root cause of our conditions is the same for all. That root

cause for all emanates from policies promulgated by a would-be autocrat,” stated Green, as he painted a picture of what such a unified approach could produce.

Meanwhile, Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee issued a strong rebuke of the Trump administration’s freeze on federal financial assistance programs, a decision that threatens to jeopardize hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for critical programs in Harris County.

The Harris County Attorney—alongside attorneys general in states such as New York and Illinois—is considering legal action in response.

“President Trump does not have the power to withhold funds that Congress has already approved. Both the U.S. Constitution and federal law are clear on that,” said Menefee. “This reckless action puts Harris County at risk of losing hundreds of millions of dollars for essential programs—public safety, infrastructure, healthcare, and transportation. These programs aren’t political—they’re vital services that our residents rely on every day. Harris County families should not be victims of the Trump administration’s extremism. We are exploring legal options to ensure that this unlawful overreach doesn’t harm the people of Harris County.”

### A way forward

Green contends united, those most negatively impacted by Trump’s recent executive orders can achieve comprehensive immigration reform, a respectful recognition of individuals’ sexuality, gun reform, “righteous police reform,” and a defeat of efforts to end birthright citizenship.

Regarding the Trump administration’s efforts to kill DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion programs, jobs, and funding), Green said, “We can show that diversity and equity are needed inclusivities for all to overcome centuries of exclusivity for some.”

“Our unity against the policies of rising far-right-wing autocracy is the best hope for democracy,” added Green.

# 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 stationery, 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**

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@ 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

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**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, by 2:00 pm CST.**

Submit via email to [bidstx@coreconstruction.com](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 am, via MS Teams. Please use the below link or meeting ID to join:

Meeting ID: 234 348 966 554  
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Please reach out to Trevor Flinn [trevorflinn@coreconstruction.com](mailto:trevorflinn@coreconstruction.com) Or Connor Wade [connorwade@coreconstruction.com](mailto:connorwade@coreconstruction.com) with any questions.

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