

CONTRACTING UPDATE

TRVA PRIMAVERA WORKSHOPS PROVE TO BE A VALUABLE TOOL



Project management software is critical to cost-efficient work, especially when creating a world-class project like Panther Island, formerly known as Trinity Uptown. Primavera (P6) is a scheduling software utilized by our project partners. Vendors doing business with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Texas Department of Transportation, City of Fort Worth, Trinity River Vision Authority and the Tarrant Regional Water District need to understand and operate within the Primavera environment. In 2011, TRVA began a Primavera Training program specifically focusing on training diverse and small business vendors.

The classes provide beginner, intermediate and advanced level training. Participants include representatives from companies such as: construction management, residential construction, infrastructure engineering and architecture, transportation engineering, program construction management, technical engineering and many others. These individuals come from all over to attend these sessions because the training can be used in a wide array of practical applications in several industries.

Workshop attendance (limited to 18 people per session) has been strong, with an estimated 60 participants trained since 2011. Not only is this available to the public, but many of TRVA's project partners' staff from TxDOT and the City of Fort Worth have been able to take advantage of this great opportunity.

TRVA's program allows us to offer the Primavera software training for just \$300 per participant, compared to regular costs ranging from \$995 to \$1,495, depending on the level of training. MWH Global, a wet infrastructure and water engineering firm made the first workshop available through a generous donation. The success of this workshop prompted the desire for more of the same training. TRVA now requires their scheduling consultant to provide these workshops

per their contract since there are few sub-contracting opportunities in this area. APSI Construction Management held TRVA's next two classes; a beginner's class in 2011 and an advanced class in 2012. Our current contract for project controls and scheduling is with Innovative Management Solutions (IMS) – they now provide the training classes. Headquartered near Dallas in Plano, TX, with a regional office in Houston, TX, IMS is a full-service project management solution provider. Since 1993, IMS has successfully provided exceptional project management services to leading organizations around the country.

THE NEXT AVAILABLE SESSIONS

are the P6v7 Advanced Course on Aug. 22-23, 2013 and Risk Analysis in Primavera on Sept. 26-27, 2013 at the Tarrant County College District Opportunity Center, 5901 Fitzhugh Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76119.

Visit our website and sign up for the training classes. Please remember seating is limited. If you are unable to attend the August and September session, TRVA plans to offer additional courses in the future. If you have an interest in any of the following classes, please contact us: P6v7 Fundamentals, P6v7 Advanced, Risk Management in Primavera, P6v8.2 Web Fundamentals, and P6v8.2

CONTRACTOR HIGHLIGHT

Midwest Wrecking Co. of Texas



It is easy to like these guys; they blow things up – safely, of course. Midwest Wrecking Co. of Texas is being highlighted in this newsletter because it is a local company that brings a special expertise needed to demolish old buildings in favor of new economic development throughout Trinity Uptown.

Midwest Wrecking's website might sum up their work best with one simple word – "raze." They explain raze dictionary style as a verb, meaning, "to tear down," "demolish," or "knock down." A Fort Worth-based business since 1984, Midwest Wrecking has razed everything from a small backyard shed to downtown Fort Worth's Landmark Tower (the second-tallest building ever imploded).

Owner Brian Choate said he is particularly proud of the work Midwest Wrecking has done so far in the Panther Island (formerly known as Trinity Uptown) project because it is a project that will benefit the city for years to come. The company has done asbestos removal and demolition on six buildings so far.

"We do work all over, but truly enjoy doing work in our home town," Choate said. "We prefer to work right here because our employees are family guys."

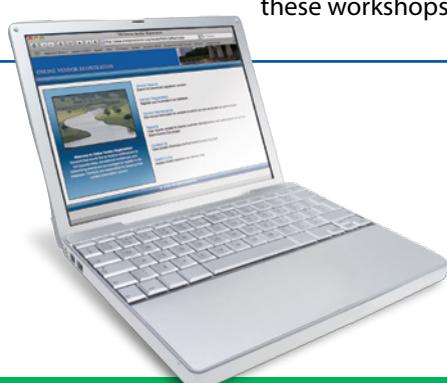
Midwest Wrecking specializes as a demolition contractor, meaning they have expertise in the latest techniques and safety measures when razing a building or removing asbestos. And several of their employees have only ever worked at Midwest Wrecking. A hometown company for the hometown project, Midwest Wrecking is a proud partner in Panther Island, formerly known as Trinity Uptown.

Web Advanced. Class levels are chosen based off interest and demand. For more information, please contact Stacy. Beeson@TrinityRiverAuthority.org, or by calling her at (817) 698-0700.



SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR VENDOR DATABASE!

Visit www.trinityrivervision.org and click on the Online Vendor Registration link to sign up to receive notifications for bid opportunities, educational workshops and networking events by email.



UPCOMING TRVA HOSTED EVENTS:

To learn more about doing business on the Trinity River Vision project attend an event that TRVA is participating in.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT "DIFFERENT METHODS AND MANAGEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING"

August 27, 2013
TRVA Office

PRIMAVERA P6V7 ADVANCED CLASS

August 22-23, 2013
Tarrant County College District Opportunity Center

PROJECT RISK MANAGEMENT IN PRIMAVERA

September 26-27, 2013
Tarrant County College District Opportunity Center

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

FWHCC BUSINESS AFTER HOURS MIXER & HEALTH HEROES AWARDS EVENT

August 15, 2013
UNT Health Science Center
<https://www.fwhcc.org/>

FORT WORTH METROPOLITAN BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 21ST ANNUAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS CONFERENCE & EAGLE AWARDS LUNCHEON

September 4, 2013
<http://www.fwmbcc.org>

FORT WORTH HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 21ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 12, 2013
<https://www.fwhcc.org/>

FORT WORTH CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

September 17, 2013
<http://www.fortworthchamber.com/about-the-chamber/sponsorships-and-promotions/programs-and-events/golf-classic/>

JPS HOSPITAL VENDOR CONFERENCE FAIR

September 25, 2013
<http://supplierdiversity.wix.com/lyvp2013#>

FORT WORTH METROPOLITAN BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 3, 2013
<http://www.fwmbcc.org>

NATIONAL MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FAIR

October 27-30, 2013
<http://www.nmsdc.org/nmsdc/app/template/contentMgmt,ContentPage.vm/contentid/1964>

7TH ANNUAL LUNA AWARDS AND RHCA WOMEN'S BUSINESS CONFERENCE

October 31, 2013
RHCA – www.regionalhca.org

WBCSW – POWER TO POTENTIAL

November 5, 2013
<http://www.wbcsw.org/content/power-potential>

DFW MSDC AWARDS

November 15, 2013
<http://www.dfwmsdc.com/>

UPCOMING BID OPPORTUNITIES

Attention ALL Interested Bidders

Upcoming Bid Opportunities:

Panther Island Bridge Construction (Trinity Uptown) - 2013

All projects are subject to change due to scope of work and timing. For current information please review bid opportunities at www.trinityrivervision.org.

TRVA, BAC HELPING AREA BUSINESSES GET AHEAD



As Trinity River Vision projects progress, economic development will continue to grow and provide countless new opportunities for businesses that want to move into the urban waterfront community just north of downtown Fort Worth. Exciting prospects for small businesses require support for entrepreneurs and we've teamed up with the City of Fort Worth's Business Assistance Center (BAC) to do just that.

Our partnership with Fort Worth's BAC is a natural fit because business start-ups and businesses interested in expanding their portfolio into Panther Island, the area formerly referred to as Trinity Uptown, will need assistance ranging from financial counseling, access to capital and training to ensure their success. The BAC provides a wide range of free to low-cost services to area businesses and entrepreneurs.



"We've teamed up with the Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA) not just to help enterprising business owners get an idea off the ground, but to also help some businesses that do not have updated business plans or effective marketing plans in place that could be holding back their ability to be successful as they grow," said William Johnson, Assistant Director of Fort Worth's Housing and Economic Development Department.

Through the City of Fort Worth's Business Development Division, the BAC provides business counseling, training and a wide array of classes starting at \$25 per person per session and they provide series of classes at

discounted rates. Representatives of the BAC attend TRVA monthly meetings and continue to provide information about their services to businesses and vendors interested in doing business within the Panther Island area.

The BAC is also committed to assisting women- and minority-owned businesses in their pursuit of buyer and procurement opportunities from public entities, corporations and other prime contractors and developers. Through its Agenda for Building Capacity program, the BAC is providing technical assistance, training and helps introduce Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) to potential contract opportunities.

"Indirectly through TRVA, we are steering businesses interest in the Panther Island project toward a path for success," Johnson said. "We see the business prospects in the Panther Island project as a great opportunity for small businesses to grow and improve our entire city's quality of life."

For more information about the BAC's services or training, visit their website at fwbac.com.



VENDOR DATABASE

Take advantage of the online vendor database. Vendors are finding it to be a very helpful networking tool. We now have approximately 850 registered vendors who are signed up and interested in working on this project. Go online and search by industry to find other interested prime and sub contractors to partner with on contracts.

Go to www.trinityrivervision.org and click on the Vendor Search and Registration link to access the database. By registering, you will receive notification for all Trinity River Vision bid opportunities and educational workshops.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Fort Worth Trinity River Vision will deliver an innovative new flood control system that will provide public safety as well as important quality of life elements including: recreational opportunities, ecosystem restoration, and urban revitalization. Central to the plan is to create 12 miles of public access along the river's edge and a 33-acre town lake.

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700, go to www.trinityrivervision.org, or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.

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We want to provide information that is useful and valuable to you. What topics relating to contracting are you interested in reading or learning more about? Send us an email and let us know. We'd like to hear from you! Contact Stacy Beeson at stacy.beeson@trinityrivervision.org with your suggestions.