

# BIDDING OPENS SOON FOR THREE NEW BRIDGES



Panther Island Bridge Design

As the groundbreaking for the three new bridges at White Settlement Road, Henderson and North Main Streets inches near, we are excited to share the latest project updates and provide information about when the project will open for bidding.

The City of Fort Worth, Tarrant Regional Water District and Trinity River Vision Authority have been focused on completing work that is essential to the project. The City of Fort Worth has been coordinating the utility relocations including water, sewer and franchise utility lines that are critical for future work. TRWD has been finalizing property acquisition and business relocation in preparation for the start of the project, while TRVA's efforts have been focused on demolition and asbestos abatement. This work was necessary before the actual bridge construction could begin.

In March 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will advertise for the construction of the three bridges. All three of the bridges will crossover the new bypass channel that will be completed after the bridges are finished. By building the bridges prior to releasing water into the bypass channel, it saves time and is more cost-effective. It is estimated that each bridge will take 2.5 years to construct. Based on the results of a Value Engineering study, all three bridges will be let under one contract. The award announcement will be made in May of 2014.

If you are a vendor interested in submitting a bid on the upcoming construction work, it is necessary that you attend the mandatory Pre-Bid Conference with TxDOT. The bid advertisement is expected to take begin in March 2014, therefore it is expected ... *(continued on back)*

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## TRINITY RIVER VISION HONORS JAMES TOAL



The Trinity River Vision family is deeply saddened to have lost one of its most valued visionaries of the project, Mr. James Toal.

An excerpt from Mr. Toal's Obituary in the *Star Telegram*:

*Mr. Toal had his hands in most of the city's largest development projects during the past several decades. But the one most associated with his name — and the one closest to his heart — would be redevelopment of the Trinity River through Tarrant County.*

*Mr. Toal coordinated the Trinity River Vision from its beginning around 2000 and spearheaded a two-year master-planning process that followed. Just about a month ago, J.D. Granger, the Trinity River Vision Authority's executive director, talked to him about the last phases of the project, which will involve the design of a 1 1/2-mile-long channel near downtown that will create an 800-acre island that in turn will create waterfront residential and commercial development.*

*He was the first to see the development potential of West Seventh Street, on the city's near west side, helping Acme Brick sell and move its corporate headquarters from there. The property was a part of the first assemblage of land for the West Seventh project. He also worked on the Montgomery Plaza development and numerous projects throughout Tarrant County and Texas*



## REGIONAL HISPANIC CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Our agency spotlight this quarter is the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association (RHCA) formerly the Hispanic Contractors Association of DFW. Formed in 1995, the RHCA addresses the needs of one of the fastest growing sectors of the construction industry. Recently, RHCA joined the Fair Contracting Committee. Representatives attend our monthly meetings and support our efforts and mission by providing valuable input and assistance with our efforts to maintain and grow the TRVA Fair Contracting Program.

The RHCA is a chamber of commerce membership association that works both with business owners and management as ... *(continued on back)*



*John Martinez, RHCA President is pictured on the far right. The photo was taken during the RHCA Holiday Contractor Boot give away. Over 8,000 dollars in boots were distributed to area construction workers.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**WBCSW – Parade of Stars Gala**  
February 7, 2014  
<http://www.wbcsouthwest.org/>

**WBCSW Table Topics Luncheon Series – Goal Setting**  
February, 11, 2014;  
March 4, 2014; April 1, 2014  
<http://www.wbcsouthwest.org/>

**Agenda for Building Capacity (ABC)**  
Business to Business Roundtable  
February 27, 2014  
[www.fwbac.com](http://www.fwbac.com)

**USACE SWF- 5th Annual Small Business Networking Forum**  
February 27, 2014  
<https://apps.swf.usace.army.mil/Events/default.aspx?view=2>

**DFW MSDC Hard Hat Construction Expo**  
March 4, 2014  
<http://www.dfwmsdc.com/>

**TRV Bridge Construction Networking Event**   
February 19, 2014  
<http://www.trinityrivervision.org/contracting>

**DFW MSDC Quarterly Buyers Luncheon**  
March 26, 2014  
<http://www.dfwmsdc.com/>

**USACE SWF - 7th Annual Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Networking Conference**  
April 17, 2014  
<https://apps.swf.usace.army.mil/Events/default.aspx?view=2>



Denotes TRVA Sponsored Event



Utility relocation work off North Main St.

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...that the Pre-Bid Conference will happen soon thereafter. You can find out when the mandatory pre bid conference is by visiting this site: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/insdotdot/org-chart/cmd/cserve/req4bids/county.htm>. It is also important to visit the TxDOT website to educate yourself on how to bid on a contract with them: <http://www.txdot.gov/business/letting-bids.html>.

Want even more information? TRVA will be hosting a networking roundtable event on Feb. 19, 2014. This event

will allow primes and subs to meet and work on building relationships that will be beneficial to both in submitting a successful bid proposal to TxDOT for the upcoming bridge construction. At this event, a TxDOT representative will give an overview of how to do business with TxDOT and Mark Rauscher (Planning and Development/Program Management, City of Fort Worth) will present on the new bridges. For more information regarding the upcoming networking event, please send an email to: [TRVContracting@TrinityRiverVision.org](mailto:TRVContracting@TrinityRiverVision.org), or call 817-698-0700.

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TRVA will be using B2G for vendor registration.

Watch your email for more information on creating a profile.

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...well as the training and development of the front line construction worker. Business development, training and advocacy are the backbone of the membership benefits. The RHCA founders wanted to create an association that would assist both its members as well as the construction industry. Each year about 50% of those served are non-member contractors and construction workers. Please note that you do not need to be Hispanic nor speak Spanish to be a member or participate with the Association. The most important word in the RHCA name is Contractor.

Training offered through the RHCA includes core business management and development principles, industry skills such as blue print reading, estimating and bidding and construction safety training. John Martinez, RHCA President says that "while the RHCA does provide construction safety training to large general contractors, the RHCA strives to be the construction safety training department for small and emerging contractors."

Learn more about the great programs and information RHCA offers at: <http://www.regionalhca.org/>

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### MORE INFORMATION

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

### LET'S US KNOW

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](mailto:stacy.beeson@trinityrivervision.org) with your suggestions.

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