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Invitation For Bids (Solicitation No. 92-11)

The Portland Development Commission will receive sealed Bids for:
N.E. Airport Way Phase II Landscaping

until 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, at its offices located at 1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204-1968, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A mandatory prebid conference will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Education Service District Building at 11611 N.E. Ainsworth Cir. (N.E. Ainsworth and N. E. Airport Way) in Auditorium E. A jobsite tour will be held following the meeting. Documents may be obtained from the Portland Development Commission by payment of a refundable deposit of \$100.00. Inquiries and bids should be directed to Marlin Brinke, 823-3239.

All bidders must file for prequalification no later than April 1, 1992, 1:30 pm, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, and ORS 279.039(1), in the following City of Portland categories: Irrigation and Sprinkling Systems (Category 27), Drainage (Category 28), Landscaping (Category 29), Park Improvements (Category 30).

Prevailing wage rates as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on the Project. The bidder must be licensed under ORS 468.883. No bids for a construction contract shall be rendered or considered by the Commission unless the bidder is registered with the Construction Contractors Board or licensed by the State Landscape Contractors Board.

Each bid must contain a statement as to whether the bidder is a resident bidder as defined in ORS 279.029. The Commission may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may reject for good cause any or all bids upon a finding of the agency it is in the public interest to do so.

The Portland Development Commission is committed to acting affirmatively to encourage and facilitate the participation of Emerging Small Businesses (ESB), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) in Commission projects and operations. Responsible bidders must comply with established goals in this project as stipulated in these bid documents.

Portland Development Commission

Christian F. Steinbrecher

Manager, construction Management

Sub-bids & Material Quotes Requested

Sub-Contractors & Suppliers are invited to submit quotations for the following:

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It's In His Blood!

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in private schools.

"We were very poor, but my mom had a lot of pride. She pushed me to be somebody and instilled a sense of pride in service to my country and fellow man," he says.

He also wanted to be an airborne ranger. In 1959 he applied to West Point but was not selected, the first of a string of disappointments that later proved to be fortuitous. He stayed in Lake Charles and was part of the first integrated class at McNeese State University. His lifelong interest in medicine led him to a pre-med major. He also enrolled in ROTC.

Getting married and having three children while still in school left little time for his rigorous pre-med studies. He switched majors to medical technology and graduated in 1966 as the first black commissioned officer from the ROTC program at McNeese.

His destiny was taking shape. His first job was as a laboratory officer at Ft. Rucker, Al. It was 1967; George Wallace was running for President. He approached the assignment with some trepidation, but he quickly earned the respect of his military and civilian co-workers. One year later, when he inquired about being transferred to Vietnam, his Army career manager in Washington told him all the laboratory manager slots were filled. His adviser suggested an assignment with the U.S. military blood program at Camp Zama, Japan.

His destiny was born. The blood bank in Japan provided blood to Vietnam and other U.S. military bases in the region. He organized blood collection teams which traveled to every military based in the Pacific. The assignment peaked his interest in making blood banking a career.

"I started thinking that giving blood was probably the noblest thing a person could do," he says. "I'd see people on the edge of death, and after a couple of units, they started looking pretty good." Polk says blood banking was also the "perfect match between military planning, operations, logistics and medicine, all of which I love."

With Vietnam winding down, he left Japan in 1972 and enrolled in graduate school at Bowling Green University to learn more about blood banking. After earning a Masters in immunohematology and blood bank management, and working for a few years as laboratory manager at Ft. Hood, Texas, his career entered the fast lane.

It was 1978 and the Pentagon wanted a reemphasis on war readiness. Unfortunately, if war did break out, the U.S. military blood program in Europe had fallen into disrepair. The corporate knowledge of military blood banking had retired along with much of the top brass in the post-Vietnam era. The military brought in the one person who could fix the system: Tony Polk.

Suddenly, the bright young man from Lake Charles, La. was commander of the U.S. blood bank for all of Europe.

While designing blood processing and distribution systems for his own country, he began meeting with the heads of blood banks for the other 15 NATO countries who were also planning for the possibility of war. After his European command, he accepted a one-year assignment as coordinator of the NATO blood program. His job: design a system to have all the NATO blood programs work together if war erupts.

"Most of what we have in the intraoperability between NATO partners in blood transfusion is due to Tony's far-sightedness," says Col. Michael Thomas, commanding officer of the British military blood program, who has known Polk for 15 years. "He is a man of great integrity who will fight for what's right."

His back-to-back assignments in Europe left him with an impressive resume and a reputation, in military vernacular, as a "can do" kind of person.

Unbelievably, when he returned to the U.S. he was assigned to a non-blood position. He admits the assignment "stuck in my craw." That was before the then-Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Dr. Bud Mayer, heard him speak about blood banking. After the speech, Dr. Mayer sought out Polk and told him: "I want you to come work for me. I want you to be in charge of the

DOD blood program."

Polk says that he has seen his share of racism, seldom has he experienced overt prejudice.

"I've been fortunate, with one exception. My physics professor at McNeese State told me he didn't like my kind and that I would fail his course. He was right."

While he feels blood bankers have come a long way since his boyhood days of seeing blood labeled by race, he wants more African-Americans to be blood donors.

"The biggest problem is that the American blood industry does not know how to recruit blacks and other minorities. Our efforts are geared towards middle-class whites. We don't have enough African Americans as recruiters or in executive positions. Maybe if people read this article and see that a black is part of the executive team, they will begin to listen to what the Red Cross has to say when they ask for blood. Blacks, like everyone else, need to feel a connection."

He wonders if the commonly held myth surrounding Dr. Charles Drew's death, an African-American pioneer in the Red Cross blood program whose method of separating plasma from blood saved thousands of lives in WWII, has turned off some blacks from donating. Dr. Drew died in 1944 after an automobile accident.

"I think it's an absolute falsehood that Dr. Drew died because the local hospital refused to give him blood. After reviewing the facts, I feel doctors did everything they could to save his life," he says.

Today, Polk is embarking on a whirlwind tour of the Red Cross Blood regions. He is visiting 12 centers in 14 days. He says he doesn't mind the breakneck schedule. After 25 years, he says he is used to the pace.

Headed out the door for the airport, he says, "I needed a new challenge. This was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Sounds like something a "can do" kind of person might say.