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## Fox Cleared of Money Laundering



Mexico President Vicente Fox (left) and New Mexico Gov. Bill meet in Mexico City. (AP photo)

(AP) - Investigators acting on opposition complaints haven't found evidence of money laundering in President Vicente Fox's election campaign, the Federal Electoral Institute said Monday.

The decision apparently brings an end to the probe by the attorney general's office into Fox's 2000 election effort.

But a parallel investigation by the institute to determine whether the campaign broke Mexico's election laws will continue, an adviser

to chief institute investigator Jaime Cardenas told The Associated Press. The adviser spoke on condition of anonymity.

"With this decision, the issue of money laundering is history," Cardenas told the national television network Televisa.

Both the former ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, and the left-leaning Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD, complained the president had exceeded the federal campaign spending limit

of approximately \$46 million and received donations from Mexican-Americans living abroad and other foreign sources in violation of Mexican campaign law.

The parties also accused the "Friends of Fox," a key private group backing Fox's campaign, of money laundering to hide the origin of donations from foreign contributors.

Mexican election law prohibits campaign donations from foreigners.

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#### HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. P070103

Proposals are requested from qualified firms to provide interpretation and translation services on an as-needed basis.

**The Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) will accept proposals until 4:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time, July 18, 2003.**

**The RFP is available from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, EXCEPT for Friday, July 4, 2003, beginning Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at the HAP office located at 135 SW Ash St., Portland, OR 97204, fourth floor. A copy can be requested by calling the telephone number listed below.**

HAP encourages participation of disadvantaged, minority-owned, women-owned and emerging small businesses in this and all HAP projects.

**RFP contact:** Jackie Blyn, Procurement Specialist, 503-802-8533.

### Public Notice

The Workforce Development Community Contributions Committee (Committee) is beginning a procurement process for quality workforce training services for Enterprise Zone residents. The City Council has designated the Committee to allocate Enterprise Zone Community Contribution Workforce Development funds. The seven member Committee will review and select proposals for funding. The Committee is composed of three N/NE Portland business persons, one N/NE Enterprise Zone company representative, one N/NE Economic Development Alliance Board representative, one NE One Stop Career Center representative, and one Mayor's Office representative.

The City Council designated worksystems inc. (WSI) as the administrator for these funds.

The City Council requires N/NE Portland Enterprise Zone companies who receive property tax exemptions in excess of a certain size to contribute to a Community Contribution fund for the N/NE Community. 70% of the funds are designated for workforce training and development.

Approximately \$170,000 in Enterprise Zone Community Contribution Workforce Development funds will be available for services to be provided between September 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004. At their discretion, the Committee and WSI may extend contracts for services through June 30, 2005.

WSI and the Committee are seeking community-based organizations, educational institution, an/or businesses interested in providing services which will develop a better prepared workforce that is more responsive to employer needs.

#### Possible use of funds includes:

- Employment Preparation
- Pre-employment Training
- Employer New Hire Support Services
- Customized Workforce Training
- Job Skills Enhancement

#### Request for Proposal

The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available on the WSI website <http://www.worksystems.org/contractor/contractorinfo.htm> on Wednesday, June 26, 2003. Proposals must be received by 5pm on July 21, 2003 via e-mail attachment or diskette only.

#### Bidder's Conference

The Bidder's Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2003 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM at the Portland Community College Metro One-Stop Auditorium located on the corner of NE 42nd and Killingsworth (5600 NE 42nd). Organizations interested in competing for funding are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendance is limited to two individuals per business/organization.

#### Notification of Future Procurement

All WSI funding opportunities are listed at [www.worksystems.org](http://www.worksystems.org) under Contractor Information. If you want to be notified about funding opportunities, please email: and indicate you wish to be added to the procurement notification list. If you have additional questions regarding procurement, please call 503-241-4600.

## Columbia Targets Cycle of Violence

### Youth earn degrees to stay off streets

(AP) — Thousands of Colombian teenagers from impoverished neighborhoods graduated from a government training program designed to keep them off the streets and out of rebel hands.

To disco beats and cheers, President Alvaro Uribe awarded diplomas to 12,000 youths June 20 in an auditorium in Bogota, the state capital.

The outreach plan, dubbed "Youth in Action," was launched two years ago to provide impoverished families with an escape route from the cycle of violence and drug trafficking that has engulfed this South American nation for nearly four decades.

So far, a total of 49,000 youths have graduated with certificates in law enforcement, postal services, marketing, information technology and teaching, the president's office said. But in a country suffering from 15 percent unemployment, most are still looking for work.

"The program offers possibilities

that wouldn't normally exist for us," said Giovanni Beltran, 18, who took a mechanics course. "It gives us hope. But it's still difficult to find work."

Beltran, like most of the thousands of teenagers dancing and waving yellow flags in the auditorium, comes from the run-down Bogota neighborhood of Soacha - a fertile recruiting ground for leftist rebels.

Inside the auditorium, colleges, soft drink companies, shoe makers and other businesses set up information stands as part of a drive to recruit among the poor.

## Bush Immigration Policy Called Immoral

(AP) — Two rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination bitterly complained Friday that the Bush administration is using the

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as a pretext for sharply curtailing immigration.

In an appeal to Hispanics at the start of a forum, Sens. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Bob Graham of Florida argued that administration's policies on taxes and health care were detrimental to minorities. They focused their harshest criticism on

steps the administration has taken on immigration under the guise, they said, of national security.

"Does anyone think you can really make the case that Mexicans coming to America to work are part of the terrorist threat?" said Lieberman, calling the U.S. border policy "immoral and unacceptable."

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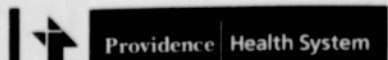


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