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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CITY OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #49-14 (RFP) FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Bids Due: 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

The City of Vancouver (City) is seeking request for proposal packets to complete client eligibility screening and loan processing for the Vancouver Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program has been in operation since October 2008. Funding for the Housing Rehabilitation Program will be provided by the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership programs funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and as such will be subject to all local, State and Federal statutes applicable.

Request for Proposal packets may be examined at Vancouver City Hall, Customer Service Desk, 1st floor lobby, 415 W. 6th Street, Vancouver Washington. Request for Proposal packets may be obtained from the Builder's Exchange of Washington website, <http://bxwa.com>. Click on Posted Projects, Goods and Services, City of Vancouver and Projects Bidding links. These are available for viewing, downloading and printing at your own equipment free of charge. You may also link to the Builder's Exchange website through the City of Vancouver's Projects currently out for solicitation page.

Technical questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Grants Manager at (360) 487-7952 or by e-mail at: peggy.sheehan@cityofvancouver.us. Procurement related questions may be directed to Scott Cramer, Senior Procurement Specialist at (360) 487-8426 or by e-mail at scott.cramer@cityofvancouver.us.

Sealed responses will be received by the Procurement Services Manager of the City of Vancouver, Washington up to the hour of **3:00 p.m., Wednesday December 10th, 2014**. Responses delivered later will not be accepted. The City of Vancouver is not responsible for delays in delivery.

All responses to this request that are mailed through the United States Postal Service shall be addressed to the Procurement Services Manager, City of Vancouver, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, Washington 98668-1995. Please be advised that USPS deliveries requiring a signature may not be delivered in a timely manner as our receiving point is not staffed at all times and may not be available to sign at the time of delivery. Hand-delivered responses or responses not sent through the USPS, shall be delivered to the Vancouver City Hall, Customer Service Desk, 1st floor lobby, City of Vancouver, 415 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660. The United States Postal Service will **NOT** deliver to the street address.

All proposals shall be placed in a sealed envelope, which is clearly marked **"RFP #49-14 2015 HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM"**. Responses by EMAIL or FAX will not be accepted.

The City of Vancouver in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252,

42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises, as defined in 49 CFR part 26, will be afforded full opportunity to submit qualification statements in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex in consideration for an award.

The City of Vancouver is committed to providing equal opportunities to State of Washington certified Minority, Disadvantaged and Women's Business Enterprises in contracting activities.

The City of Vancouver reserves the right to cancel this request or reject any and all responses submitted or to waive any minor formalities of this call if the best interest of the City would be served.

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Kevin Yin
Community Development Grants Manager

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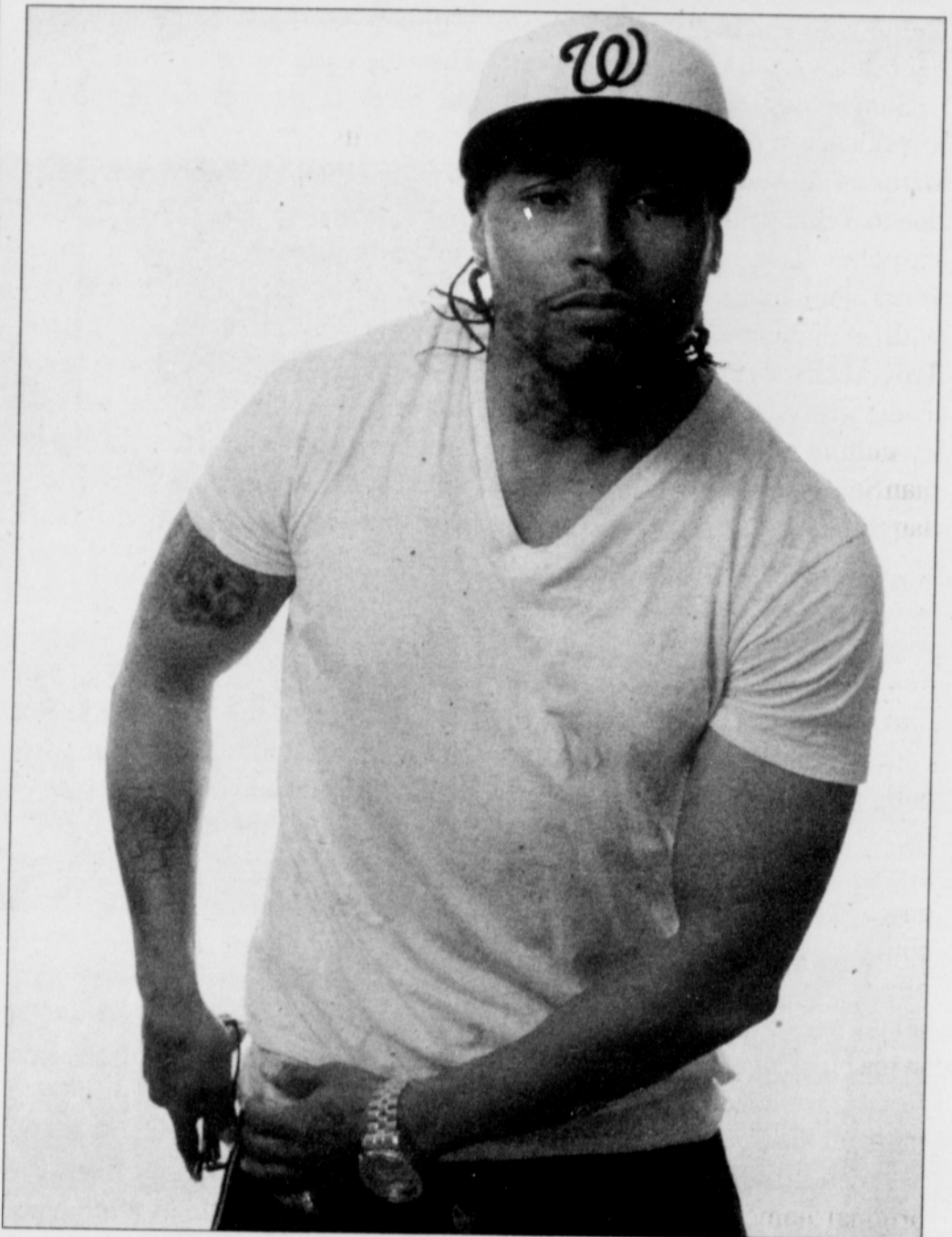
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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Portland rap singer and record producer King Rawzky, also known as Antonio PettyJohnBlue, calls his sound 'rhythm and pleasure.'

Rap Singer Keeps Career in Focus

King Rawzky hails from musical roots

King Rawzky was raised in the streets of inner Portland when gentrification did not exist, surviving some rough neighborhoods. Also known as Antonio PettyJohnBlue, he was born with alcohol and drugs in his system, but the tough knocks of an early life did not stop him from learning how to adapt as well as survive.

Possessing flare and finesse, he has a sound like no other, a music called R&P for rhythm and pleasure.

Listening to legends like Michael Jackson, Prince, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, Antonio aspired to become a superstar just like his musical idols. Although raised in foster care and admits it still bothers him to this day, the hardship he experienced has made him a stronger artist.

The separation did not deter him from picking up many of the musical talents from his parents.

"My mother's side of the family is where I developed my ability to move and serenade crowds," he said.

His father, Jake "the Snake" Booker was a professional musician and teacher of music and currently

performs across the nation showcasing his rock and soul funkadelic talents.

"This is where I got my soul, rhythm and funk from," he says.

Now in midlife, Antonio has put all his focus and drive into being the next breakout star, not only in Portland, but across the world. The 31-year-old also is the chief executive officer of his own Rawzky Records and hopes to change lives of the youth around him who suffer from the effects of gang violence and a lack of role models in their communities.

Antonio's late grandfather, Venerable F. Booker was a legendary scholar and one of the first black bank presidents. Although he never was able to know him personally, he says he is sure his grandfather would be proud of his accomplishments and love the cleaverness, rhythm and brilliance of his work.

A true found talent, King Rawzky is destined to be crowned one of Portland's best artists. For a video link to his new release, "Kare for You," visit <http://youtu.be/pfQCSv6I-SI>