

The Albina Arts Story

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In September Ruby Burns Johnny, who was a part of two no-longer existing, Black-run, creative arts organizations, walked through the door of the former Albina Arts Center for the first time in decades. She was visiting her former hometown as part of a weekend of movement and creative workshops and conversations, organized by photographer Intisar Abioto, a contributor to the Albina Community Visioning effort. At The Soul Restoration Center, Burns Johnny engaged in a public conversation with Bobby Fother, founder of the Herero Dancers, one of several key Black arts groups in Portland that no longer exists; and Eno Washington, who created one of country's first integrated dance companies to perform Pan-African movements. Ruby Johnny also used to participate in the Portland Black Repertory Theatre and the Northwest Afrikan American Ballet.

Reflecting on her experience of reconnecting with the storefront space, through programming organized at The Soul Restoration Center, she noted: "It's beautiful. It's just inspiring. It's so uplifting. We need to be able to communicate with each other, and work together and solve our problems like we used to do. And

we need a place like this to do it."

Musician and producer Joe Bean Keller, who is part of the visioning committee, credits the Albina Arts Center for being the place that nurtured him and a significant number of other Black musicians, groups, and band leaders.

"For me, it's been an encouragement and such an amazing process just to be able to talk about the return of the buildings that were sacred to our community," he said.

Lisa Saunders, founder of FaithBridge, grew up six blocks from the former Albina Arts Center. As a 5-year-old, she attended day care in the part of the building where she now works, in her 50s, to help women heal from trauma. As an elementary and middle schooler, she learned African and jazz dance and how to model in a fashion show in a part of the building now operating as The Soul Restoration Center.

"I lived a lot of my life in that building," Saunders said. "I am really heartened that the space is alive again; that somebody is asking 'What do you want?' instead of us protesting the tearing down or the redevelopment of the building. To me, this (OCF) process is the opposite of what we have seen done in this neighborhood."

CLASSIFIEDS/BIDS

INVITE FOR BIDS

Re-Issue 2022-54 Invitation to Bid for Video Archiving Systems for C-TRAN Bus Rapid Transit Lines

Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (dba C-TRAN) has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Video Archiving Systems for C-TRAN Bus Rapid Transit Lines. This ITB may be found at <https://www.c-tran.com/about-c-tran/business/procurement/bid-and-proposal-opportunities>. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

Good day everyone, coach John, Senior Executive member of Savingshighwayglobal and associates are having a GOOD PARTY (GetOutOfDebt) on Saturday eve.6:30pm, October 29th at 2205 N. Lombard, rm 102, Portland Oregon. This will be a TREAT not a TRICK. Please come to enjoy the fellowship, refreshments, and cash prizes opt. If you like, bring/wear a happy face mask.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Vancouver Housing Authority will receive bids for project **Cascade Terrace Preservation # 413-2022-01** until 2:00pm, November 17th, 2022 at **Vancouver Housing Authority, 2500 Main St., Vancouver, Washington 98660** at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid conference for interested bidders is scheduled for **2:00 pm, October 25th, 2022**, alternate dates allowed via request.

This project is a 6-unit apartment complex with associated resident support spaces. It is comprised of two one-story buildings of Type V wood construction. Occupancy will be maintained throughout the course of construction with limited relocation during the day as construction activities progress throughout the building. Work includes but is not limited to Replacement of existing roofing, barge boards, and fascia boards. Install new ridge venting. Install new eave venting. Air seal attic at ceiling penetrations. Remove gable vents at end of wall conditions. Provide siding to match existing. Removal and replacement of gutters and downspouts. Replacement of kitchen vent hoods at roof. Increase attic insulation depth to meet energy code (R-49 value). Electrical and low voltage items to be bid as design/build services include replacement of smoke and CO2 detectors.

Attention is called to the provisions for Washington State Prevailing Wages and ESDS requirements. Please obtain the complete Invitation for Bids solicitation documents at this link: <https://plans.j2b.com/> after October 13th, 2022. Information found anywhere else may not be accurate. It is the responsibility of the bidder to check the previously noted link for any addenda, updates, and award notification. Pursuant to RCW 39.04.105 copies of all bids will be made available upon request to bidders after opening. Submission of bid constitutes consent to disclose of the same. Submit questions and substitution requests in writing to the solicitation contact: Amanda Chezem at achezem@vhausa.com.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Vancouver Housing Authority will receive bids for Lieser Building Demolition #871-2022-02 until 10:00 a.m., November 3, 2022 at Vancouver Housing Authority, 2500 Main St., Vancouver, Washington 98660 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A mandatory pre-bid conference at the site (301 S Lieser Rd. Vancouver, WA) for interested bidders is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 13, 2022, alternate dates allowed via request.

Work includes, but is not limited to demolition of hardscapes, utilities, UST decommissioning; demolition of 48,000 SF school building, including abatement of all hazardous building materials and material salvaging, structural fill and regrading of site.

Obtain complete solicitation documents at this link: <https://www.plans.j2b.com> after September 27, 2022. Information found anywhere else may not be accurate. It is the responsibility of the bidder to check the previously noted link for any addenda, updates, and award notification.

Pursuant to RCW 39.04.105 copies of all bids will be made available upon request to bidders after opening. Submission of bid constitutes consent to disclose of the same. Attention is called to the provisions for prevailing wages and 15% mandatory apprenticeship requirement as set forth in the solicitation documents. Submit questions and substitution requests in writing to the solicitation contact: Amanda Chezem at achezem@vhausa.com.

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