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The Obamas Rock Democratic Convention in Chicago

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire

On the second day of the Democratic National Convention, the Obamas took center stage and delivered electrifying speeches that reverberated through the United Center in Chicago. The convention, already energized by a capacity crowd in Milwaukee where Vice President Kamala Harris spoke during a rally, reached new heights as the former First Lady and former President rallied Democrats with their powerful words.

Michelle Obama took the stage before her husband in Chicago, immediately captivating the audience. "Something wonderfully magical is in the air, isn't it? I'm

talking about the contagious power of hope," she declared as the United Center enthusiastically rocked. "America, hope is making a comeback. Kamala Harris is one of the most qualified people to ever seek the office of president. And she is dignified."

Obama didn't shy away from addressing the twice-impeached and 34-times convicted felon and former President Donald Trump directly. "For years, Donald Trump did everything in his power to try to make people fear us," she remarked. "His limited, narrow view of the world made him feel threatened by the existence of two hardworking and highly educated, successful people who happen to be Black. Who wants to tell him that job he's seeking just might be one of those Black jobs?" she asked, eliciting raucous applause from the crowd.

She continued to dismantle Trump's rhetoric, particularly his attempts to question the blackness of Harris and other Democrats. "No one has a mo-

nopoly on what it means to be an American, no one," Obama declared.

PUBLIC POSTING DOCUMENT FOR: CM/GC SERVICES

The University of Oregon, Design and Construction office, a department within Campus Planning and Facilities Management, is soliciting Proposals for CM/GC Services associated with the following:

Project Name: 1700 Millrace Interior Renovation Projects

Project Description: 1700 Millrace office building is a newly acquired building by the University of Oregon. The approximately 76,000 gross SF office building built in 2011, will have a mix allocation of university administrative space and outside tenant leases. Four separate University of Oregon administrative departments will be relocated to the 1700 Millrace building. The Interior Renovation Projects encompasses tenant improvements and renovations of an approximately 60,000 square-foot on 3 floors of the 4-floor building. A separate area will be

renovated for a university shared training space on the first floor.

Project Budget: \$2.7 million

Proposed GMP Range: \$1.3-1.6 million

Submission Date and Time: 2:00pm PST, Tuesday September 10, 2024

Pre-Proposal: Pre-Proposal meeting set for 2:00pm PST, Tuesday August 27, 2024 - Design and Construction Conference Room, 1295 Franklin Blvd. (North of Franklin on Onyx Street; Second Floor, large silver warehouse)

RFQ Posting Location: <http://pcs.uoregon.edu/content/business-opportunities>

For complete details and contact information, please refer to the "1700 Millrace Interior Renovation Projects RFP" posted at the above link.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS METRO PARKS AND NATURE Deconstructing Dominant Culture Training and Facilitated Conflict Resolution RFP 4349

The Parks and Nature Department of Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is hereby requesting sealed proposals for Deconstructing Dominant Culture Training and Facilitated Conflict Resolution.

DEADLINE, NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON DESIGNATED FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

Sealed proposals are due no later than 2:00 p.m., September 10, 2024, at BidLocker, <https://bidlocker.us/details/4394>.

PRE PROPOSAL MEETING

A voluntary pre-proposal conference for all potential contractors is scheduled on August 22, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83701897899>. Interested sub-contractors are also invited.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

Metro is seeking proposals from qualified firms to perform the following services and to deliver the products described:

- Provide a robust and challenging training series (6-10 weeks) on understanding and dismantling dominant culture.
- Provide training for affinity cohorts, including cohorts of white-identifying, BIPOC-identifying, biracial/multi-racial-identifying staff, and other self-identifying groups as needed. Build psychological safety within cohorts in preparation for courageous conversations among cohorts.
- Provide trainings in a group setting as well as potential individual sessions.
- Build curriculum or use existing curriculum that aligns with previous deconstructing dominant culture training provided to members of the Parks and Nature department.

• Provide in-person and virtual facilitated conflict resolution for members of the department in both peer-to-peer and supervisor-to-supervisee relationships.

• Provide structure to build towards positive integrated affinity group conversations and work teams.

• Coordinate with the Equity and Justice team to identify training gaps which can be addressed in the future.

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS

RFP documents can be viewed and downloaded from BidLocker at <https://bidlocker.us/details/4394>.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Metro may accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, or waive irregularities not affecting substantial rights if such action is deemed in the public interest.

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ways.

"Our programming has been stretching because we just got into affordable housing," he said. "We have Alberta Alive, we're going to have four projects on Alberta, over 150 units - you can't do well in school if your homelife isn't great, so we're providing home, housing, energy, rental assistance to enrich families' lives.

"But it's only in Multnomah County right now. So how do we stretch to Washington County and offer services, in-person and virtually? Then how do we stretch to Clackamas County? Those are very reachable spaces. Then once we get into those places, how do we touch the entire state? It would be programmatic growth, technical assistance to other organizations so that they know how to do this successfully - we don't think we're the only people that can do it. It's about, how do we partner with other organizations as well to provide services that can stretch beyond just one organization's capability?"

As Aldridge leads the organization in its next chapter, he says it is key to amplify the organizations' many success stories as a way of getting the word out to other Black Oregonians who could benefit. And just as important, Aldridge said, will be keeping up with emerging technologies.

"Technology has been traditionally something

the African American community has embraced slowly," he said, "but as an organization, if we are the hub of a community, we need to be ahead of the curve, so that we're constantly exposing our community to what's possible. Sometimes technology can be an enabler to opportunity, and so a lot of our beginning, intermediate and long-term goals are surrounded with us just being a more tech-centric organization, and that's what we can expose kids, family and community to."

For more information, visit <https://www.selfenhancement.org>.

ELEVATE UNITY PRESENTS

Heritage Labor Day Weekend SoulFest

Thursday 8/29
Community Nonprofit Benefit
f/ Grammy Nominated Blues Icon John Primer w/ Steve Bell
+ PDX Blues Band- Fenix Rising

Saturday 8/31
Tony Ozier f/
The Doo Doo Funk All-Stars w/ Crystal Martin aka Madame Go-Long & ThunderSnatch
Dookie Jam set f/ DJ OG 1 & special guests

Sunday 9/1
f/ KALIMBA the Spirit & Live Tribute to Earth Wind & Fire!

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SOUL STROLL

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Join us for the 1st Annual Soul Stroll Walk to Building Bridges for Wellness

Saturday, August 24, 2024 8:30 AM

2.5k and 5k

Route starts and ends at N. Portland Dawson Park

- \$20 Per Person
- \$150 Community/Non-Profit (10 members)
- \$250 Corporate (10 members)

For more information and registration, call: 503-477-4474/971-895-0418 or visit: www.miraclesclub.org

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