

The LEADER'S CHOICE

News for Choice Facility Partners members and contract partners

Job Order Contractor provides valuable service through Choice Facility Partners

Fifteen months after Hurricane Ike and with the 2010 hurricane season just around the corner, several projects have been completed using Job Order Contracting services through Choice Facility Partners. With more than \$6 million in damages from Hurricane Ike, La Marque ISD accessed the Choice Facility Partners contract for Job Order Contracting with Dura Pier Facilities Services, Ltd..

From damaged roofs and school repairs to restoring an old auditorium, La Marque ISD needed help, not only with the construction, but also with finding funds to cover the cost. Assistant Superintendent Rolle Ford said that Dura Pier became quite involved, ultimately becoming a community partner with them, and worked closely and productively with insurance and FEMA to help secure the extra funding needed.

"We had projects started but uncompleted – we just had a mess," said Ford. "Dura Pier immediately made assessments, put together a scope of work, and streamlined their approach, working hand in hand with insurance and FEMA in getting stalled projects up and finished. The extra work they did actually prevented delay."

Although repairs needed due to an emergency are allowed without a competitive bid, governing boards must still approve the work and validate the contract work. Using

a competitive bid through a cooperative purchasing agency, allows the entity to access a legal, competitively-bid contract and assure the governing board that all

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Additional staff members join Choice

Two new staff members have joined Choice Facility Partners, Kerry Doucette and Gary Wells.

With more than 25 years experience in public/private procurement, contracting and materials management,



Kerry Doucette comes to Choice Facility Partners as senior contract manager. He has served as purchasing director for a school district, city government and in the private sector, which utilized his skills in developing procurement systems and protocols. He is a member of the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP) and earned a

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Contracts awarded for tree trimming

New contracts were awarded for Tree Trimming to Bartlett Tree Expert Company and Asplundh Tree Experts Company for cooperative purchasing through Choice Facility Partners during the April board meeting of Harris County Department of Education, CFP's sponsoring agency.

Also during the meeting contract awards were renewed for:

Job Order Contracting – Corporate Facilities Management Services (Region 12 primary, 6,7,10,11,13,14 and 15 secondary), Construction Masters of Houston (Region 3 primary, 2,4,6,13 and 20 secondary), Dura Pier Facilities Services (Regions 3-4 primary, 2,5,6,13 and 20), Herrera & Hunt, LLP. (Region 1-2 primary, 3 and 20 secondary), P2MG (Texas) and Structura Design and Construction, Inc. (Region 20 primary, 1,2,3,13 and 15 secondary); and

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NCTCOG hosts Building Relief workshop

Representatives from cities in the north Texas area attended a Building Relief: Facility Solutions workshop hosted by the North Central Council of Governments on April 23 in Arlington.

"From what heard presented today I get the idea that Choice Facility Partners is more than just a purchasing co-op," said Carol Cooper, director of materials management, City of Garland. "It is more like a partner."



Job Order Contracting, Greenhouse Gas Reporting, Roofing, and Energy Conservation presentations were made. Speakers included JOC consultant and

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author Allen Henderson, Choice Facility Partners Assistant Director Carol Greb, Joe Ecrette II from Houston's Waterproofing, John Taylor of TDIndustries and Nimish Katwala from Providence Engineering.

Partners who made the event possible through their exhibits include: CapitalSoft, GroundFORCE, Rayco Construction, RMT, Inc., Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc., Linc Service, Trio Electric, ALPHA Building Corporation and Tradition Energy.

Choice Facility Partners and its vendor partners invite members to attend the May 6 Building Relief workshop in Houston; please **RSVP to Yvonne Johnson at Yvonne@choicefacilitypartners.org or call 713-696-1886.** ☆

Top photo: Visiting at the workshop were, from left to right, Nimish Katwala from Providence Engineering, Joe Ecrette II from Houston's Waterproofing, Les Hooper, executive director, facilities, HCDE, and Allen Henderson, JOC consultant and author.

Photo bottom left: Brad Laughlin, GroundFORCE, visited with city representatives.

Photo bottom right: Mike Eastland, NCTCOG executive director, welcomed city representatives to the Building Relief workshop.



New Members Join

New organizations that became members when interlocal agreements were approved by the Board of Trustees of HCDE in April include: Allen ISD, Anthony ISD, City of Apple Valley, Minn., Ashford United Methodist Church, Copperas Cove ISD, Girls And Boys Preparatory Academy, Gregg County, Harris County MUD No. 55, Howard County, Lake Worth ISD, Leander ISD, Meadow ISD, Normangee ISD, Rusk County Electric Cooperative, Sam Houston State University and Ysleta ISD. ☆

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HVAC –Brandt (national), Fort Bend Mechanical (Texas), Automated Logic / United Environmental Services (Texas) and TD Industries (national).

Requests for proposals are posted on the home page at www.choicefacilitypartners.org. ☆




CHOICE FACILITY PARTNERS

- Dean Zajicek, CFP Director
- Carol Greb, Assistant CFP Director
- Don Elder, Jr., CFP Marketing Consultant
- Joann Nichols, CFP Business Manager
- Kerry Doucette, Sr. CFP Contract Manager
- Jack Cutting, CPM, CFP Contract Manager
- Mike Perricone, CPM, CFP Contract Manager
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- Larry Parr, CFP Contract Compliance Specialist
- Mary Causey, CFP Contract Coordinator
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VISIT CHOICE FACILITY PARTNERS

May Events Calendar

- May 5 Hill Country M&O Regular Mtg., Burnet
- May 6 Building Relief: Preparing Facilities
6300 Irvington Blvd., Houston

Choice Facility Partners specializes in facility needs from the tap through the roof, including Construction; Energy Conservation and Management; Disaster Recovery and Restoration; Furnishings, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE); Building Exterior and Grounds; and Building Infrastructure.

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the work done during emergency status was done under a valid contract.

With predictions from the forecast team at Colorado State University of a higher than average chance that a hurricane will make landfall on the gulf coast between Florida and Brownsville in 2010, governmental entities need to be prepared to recover from a hurricane.

"I like to say that membership with Choice Facility Partners is one of the best insurance policies you can have in case of an emergency," said Dean Zajicek, director, Choice Facility Partners.

For La Marque ISD, accessing Dura Pier's JOC contract through Choice Facility Partners "made it a lot easier, since time was of the essence." La Marque had one school with no floors and no paint, that needed to be ready to open in just a little over one week. "You wouldn't believe the amount of work they did in one week's time, plus working weekends, so that school could open," said Ford.

Dura Pier worked with FEMA to get funding for the auditorium restoration project as well as others. "(Dura Pier) turned around what was a moldy, slimy, stinky, deteriorating auditorium into a class arts facility," said Ford. "They did an excellent job; we're just very pleased with it."



"Dura Pier met and exceeded our expectations," said Ford. "We would be happy to use them again."

Dura Pier has also successfully completed Job Order Contracting work for Columbia Brazoria ISD, renovating a 1960's auditorium that was in desperate need of updating. Many projects for the auditorium had been put on hold for years since bond elections had not been successful, but with careful planning, the district and Dura Pier came up with the right plan.

"Dura Pier pulled it together and brought us something that exceeded our expectations," said Columbia Brazoria ISD Assistant Superintendent Steve Galloway. "The auditorium went from something you didn't want people to see to being the first thing you want people to see."

They removed chairs and old fixtures and replaced them with new seating and theatre lights. They also removed old linoleum floors and extended the stage. Through a great relationship, Dura Pier met the school district's needs on the auditorium as well as other projects.

Dura Pier Facilities Services, Ltd. supplies quick turnkey, integrated, quality construction services with multi-trade capabilities and specialty licenses for electrical, mechanical and plumbing services. Dura Pier is a Texas Limited Partnership, which is SB, WBE, and Certified as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) by the Texas Building & Procurement Commission. ☆

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bachelor's degree in Business Management from Southern University in Baton Rouge.

Gary Wells comes to Choice Facility Partners as a marketing representative for east Texas. He has six years cooperative purchasing experience. He is a retired school teacher and band director with 31 years experience.



GARY WELLS

He has a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M Commerce and a master's degree from Henderson State University, both majoring in music education. ☆

BUILDING RELIEF
HOUSTON

Building Relief: Preparing Facilities

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 2010

6300 Irvington, Houston, TX

Lunch provided by Choice Facility Partners' sponsors

Business Managers, City Managers, Facility Services Directors,
Public Works Directors are invited to attend.

Learn about facility management tools/services that add efficiencies and save money. Topics include **Job Order Contracting, Greenhouse Gas Reporting, Disaster Recovery, Energy Conservation, Cooperative Purchasing** and more.

Continuing Education Units will be issued.

RSVP to Yvonne@ChoiceFacilityPartners.org

To access legal, competitively bid contracts awarded by HCDE, go to www.ChoiceFacilityPartners.org; click on member and download the interlocal agreement for the appropriate governmental /non-profit entity. Once the interlocal is approved by the governing body and signed, the member can access the contracts.

Go to vendor partners to see the contracts listed alphabetically by company; click on contracts to see the alphabetical list of resource areas.