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INVITATION TO BID

Written, sealed bids, in duplicate and addressed to Westchase District ("Owner") for landscaping areas along the Beltway 8 Frontage road will be received at the offices of the Westchase District, 10375 Richmond, Suite 1175, Houston, Texas 77042, until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. The bid opening will be public. Each bid must be accompanied by a Cashier's Check or Bid Bond (the "bid security") drawn for at least five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid and made payable to Owner only. The successful bidder shall forfeit bid security to Owner as liquidated damages if it shall fail or refuse to enter into a proper contract for the Work, including failure or refusal to furnish Payment and Performance Bonds required by the Contract. Bid security will be returned to all but the three most qualified, lowest responsible bidders within five days after the Bid Opening Time. Remaining bid security will be returned after execution of the Contract. Applicable law requires that the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the Work is to be performed be ascertained and not less than such rates to be paid to each laborer, worker, and mechanic employed on this project. The applicable labor classifications and rates are set forth in Exhibit I to the Contract Documents. The District is exempt from sales and use taxes, so such taxes should be excluded from bids. The District ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. Prospective bidders may obtain specifications and bidding documents at the office of the Westchase District, on deposit of \$35.00 per set, which is non-refundable. Plans and specifications will be available for review at the offices of the Westchase District. Please contact Irma Sanchez, Projects Director, at 713-780-9434 or via email at isanchez@westchasedistrict.com for more information.

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Clinical Trial Public Notice

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Sports: Inside SWAC, a new year

Soccer

Two conference teams will take to the field during the opening weekend of NCAA soccer: Jackson State and Southern.

Six teams will be in action during the first full weekend slate. On Friday, August 22, Alabama A&M, Texas Southern, Southern, Alabama State, Grambling State and Mississippi Valley State.

Jackson State hosts the 4th President's Cup August 23-24. JSU will host Arkansas-Pine Bluff, LSU-Shreveport and Alcorn State.

Fifteen players who received all-conference honors last season return for the 2008 campaign. Leading the group of returnees are the 2007 offensive player of the year Naira Crimiell along with first-team selections Ashley Bailey (MVSU), Tiffany Cantu (SU), Elisa Milac (JSU), Mikael Mendez (MVSU), Amanda Soto-Ortiz (SU), Belinda Kanda (AAMU) and Ashley Baker (JSU).

The SWAC boasts three of the top ten scoring teams in women's soccer from last season. Jackson State led the nation averaging 3.59 goals per contest. 2007 defending champion Alabama A&M was fourth averaging 2.8 goals per game while Grambling State was seventh with an scoring average of 2.67 goals per contest.

JSU's Crimiell led the national in goals per game (1.06) and points per game (2.53).

Alcorn State's Amber Steeves was sixth in the nation in saves per game averaging 8.25 stops per outing while Texas Southern's Kianna Williamson averaged 7.58 saves per contest.

TEAM NOTES

SWAC Soccer 2008 looks to be a competitive season in which as many as eight teams having a chance to be

crowned champion. The season also looks bright as fifteen all-conference honorees representing five member schools will return to lead their respective squads.

Defending champion Alabama A&M will be spearheaded by Belinda Kanda (2007 first-team) and LeTisha Davis (2007 second team). Kanda, a participant in the 2007 Women's World Cup, will look to once again be one of the top forwards in the conference. Davis, who notched two goals and four assists from her defender position, will be called upon to spearhead one of the conference's most efficient teams. However, the Bulldogs lost three midfield starters who combined for 23 of the team's 56 goals last season.

A program looking to rebuild under second-year head coach Jodie Smith, the Lady Hornets of Alabama State enter the year with optimistic goals. The Lady Hornets struggled last season, but returning starters Monique Sylvester and Maiya Moore look to lead a team eager to gain a foothold in the conference race.

Ashley Rankin and Amber Steeves return to lead the Alcorn State Lady Braves this season. Rankin was third in the conference averaging 2.33 shots per game and tenth in goals per game. Steeves had a .635 save percentage in 2007. Coming off a 4-11 campaign in 2007, the Lady Braves look to become even more competitive and find a way into the postseason tournament.

Grambling State returns seven starters and nine players from last year's team that made it to the semifinals of the conference tournament. Leading the team will be Cherie Silas and Ashley Baker. Both will be critical to the direction of the team. Also expect senior Whitney Weddington and junior Angelica Singh to be keep

factors throughout the season.

The Lady Tigers of Jackson State look to be a major contender for a conference title this season. The Lady Tigers finished last season No. 1 in scoring offense in NCAA Division I. Sophomore forward Niara Crimiell returns to lead the Lady Tigers. Crimiell, 2008 preseason offensive player of the year, ranked No. 1 in the NCAA in points/game (2.53) and goals/game (1.059). Crimiell scored 18 goals and recorded seven assists last season. Along with Crimiell, JSU will have the services of senior forward Zachene Crooks (seven goals), sophomore defender/forward Rochelle Moncrieffe (six goals in 2007 - 2008 preseason defensive player of the year) and junior midfielder Melissa Smith (six goals).

In 2007 the Mississippi Valley State Devilettes soccer team suffered a one point loss in the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament finals. The defeat which left the Devilettes stunned with a bitter taste in their mouths has now served as a catalyst for the 2008 edition. Defensively, the Devilettes will be led by senior Ashley Bailey and junior Thersea Cayot. The midfield will once again be a strong point of the Devilettes as they return a senior-laden group led by 2006 All-SWAC selections Kate Johnston and Dana Eddy. Up front the Devilettes welcome the return of 2006 All-SWAC pick Jency Jose along with 2007 all-conference selections Pella Hand and Mikael Mendez.

Prairie View A&M enters the season looking to rebound from a 4-12 mark. The Lady Panther s will look to Jessica Garcia and Brenda Castillo if they are to be a successful squad this season. Garcia scored three goals while spending most of the season in goal. She had 102 saves on the season. Castillo was the second-leading

scorer on the team last year with eight goals and four assists. She will be counted on to be a more integral part of the attack if the Lady Panther s are to continue their push to a conference title.

Another program in the hunt for a conference title, Southern University will need to improve on its 6th place conference finish from last. The Lady Jaguars, under fourth-year head coach John Knighten, return eight starters from last season's squad. Leading the pack is Charmaine Jones along with Amanda Soto-Ortiz and Almarie Soto-Ortiz. Jones led the team with 11 points last season and has looked to improve her shooting percentage during the offseason. Amanda finished with seven points last season but was tied for the team lead in assists with three. Almarie had five points and will be a good complement for the team's offensive attack.

A team looking to get into the conference title chase, Texas Southern hopes that the pieces are in place for a title run. Junior goalie Amimbola Telufusi will be a major factor in goal. In 2007, she recorded 19 saves in limited action. Maylin Alvarado was a tough defender for the Lady Tigers last season and will be counted on to assist in the direction of the team.

A renewed mindset and a new attitude are in place at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff as Roberto Mazza has taken over the reins of the program. The second-year coach plans to take the team out of the cellar and put them in title contention within the SWAC. He returns two starters from last year's team, but the 12 newcomers will definitely bring a fresh look to the Lady Lions. Senior Shanek Douglas and sophomore Bre-Anne Lay-poolle will be counted on to provide leadership during the season.

By DJ

Cars & Trucks

Not just hype: 2008 Toyota Camry is the real deal

2008 Toyota Camry, a car with push button technology is sneakily exciting. Once you are set for tradition and sameness, you jump into the Camry and discover the fun. Just put the key in your pocket or purse and do not pull it out again as you make your 20 combined stops of work, pickups, drop-offs and pleasure. Not only does the new Camry rid you of the no search for keys hassle, it also makes for a nice smooth ride on comfortable leather. It is a car that makes one feel proud for its styling is an image-maker and its price line is affordable which makes one wise.

This is the sixth-generation Camry and it has earned the position of the best-selling car in America. It is available in four-cylinder, Camry Hybrid and V6 models. The model that I test drove was the V6 and it showed itself to be competitive on all fronts yielding the pleasurable distinction of boldness and strength. It had the 268 horsepower 3.5 V6 engine and the performance was outstanding while the fuel efficiency was not parsimony. The Environmental Protection Agency gives it an estimated 33-miles per gallon on the city and 34 on the highway



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rating for the hybrid model and 19/28 for the V6. Those estimates were accurate for the V6 I tested.

The wheelbase of the Camry provides the interior space needed for the Texas size men and women. All can be seated and relax as they enjoy the smoothness of the vehicle. The comfort will be extended as they enjoy the sounds from the AM/FM radio or CD system. While driving, riding and listening to the entertainment of your choice, one will feel safe as the body structure of the Camry is designed to absorb the collision-impact and help minimize impact deformation to the passenger cabin. The manufacturer uses high-strength steel for B-pillar

and corks panel.

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