

BUSINESS

Hotels, airlines extend loyalty perks

By Julie Weed
NEW YORK TIMES

Let’s just say that no one is likely to earn airline or hotel elite status this year, not with travel dropping to near nothing and no resumption in sight.

But major airlines and hotels don’t want to lose their highest-spending customers. So they are giving them an extra year to accumulate the points that result in free up-grades, breakfasts, club access and other perks.

Airlines really had no choice, said Jamie Larounis, an industry analyst for Upgraded Points. He said taking status away from a loyal clientele who are not allowed to fly and earn miles because of travel bans “would alienate customers who might defect to the competition.”

And as the airlines and hotels evaluate the economic landscape, they may find they need to do more to maintain their loyal customer bases. Helane Becker, who analyzes the airline industry as a managing director for the financial services company Cowen, now predicts that it will take years for the number of passengers to return to 2019 levels.

Airlines don’t publicize the numbers of frequent flyers or status-holders, but they are “enormously important” to airlines, according to Madhu Unnikrishnan, editor of the online industry newsletter Skift Airline Weekly.

Over the last few years, the airlines have showered top-tier flyers with bonus miles, global and regional upgrade certificates, guest passes to lounges and even the ability to choose the perks they value most. “The benefits of flying more are not linear,” said Nick Ewen, who follows the airline and hotel industries for The Points Guy travel website. Flyers who double their travel can sometimes “triple or even quadruple the perks,” he said.

In contrast, free up-grades for those with the lowest status levels have become scarce, Ewen said.

Still, Ewen said, status holders – even lower-tier members – are the most valuable because they “don’t need expensive marketing to convince them to book” and are more likely to pay premium prices or take extra trips solely to rack up status-earning miles.

When business travel picks up, Larounis said, he thinks the airlines may try to lure away customers with more changes to loyalty programs, bonus mile offers and status matching.



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Marriott, Hyatt and Hilton have suspended their policies of expiring points from inactive accounts.



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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

2019 HIGH SCHOOL BAND TOWER REPLACEMENTS. HUCKABEE PROJECT NO. 1818-01-01: PROPOSAL NO. 19-11-5447R-RFP CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Cypress–Fairbanks Independent School District Facilities and Construction Office, 1430 Perry Road, Building B, Houston, Texas 77064. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held Monday, May 18, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Purchasing Office, Windfern Administrative Annex, 12510 Windfern Road, Houston, Texas 77064. Proposal Evaluation Criteria are published in the “Instructions to Proposers” section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be released Tuesday, May 12, 2020, and will be available from Huckabee at www.huckabee-inc.com/construction/ upon request. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

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Sealed Proposal Solicitation #SE05-20A Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program Video Surveillance, Access Control & Security Fencing Systems

Response Deadline: 6/4/20 @ 1pm
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3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.
Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice.
713-993-4554 or www.hgacbuy.org for info.

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The Houston Planning Commission has received an application to allow the replatting (or partial replatting) of Washington Terrace Subdivision being all or part of lot 12 block 19 as recorded in Volume Page 57 of the Harris County Map/Deed Records for the purpose of creating two separate residences. The new subdivision name is Washington Terrace Partial Replat No 5. The City will send out written notice of a public hearing with variance(s), or special exception(s) to all owners of property within 250' of the boundary of the plat and all parcels along or across from a blockface that abuts any street or private roadway extending 500 feet from the plat as measured along the centerline of any street or private roadway that abuts the boundary of the plat. State law allows for protest when the proposed replat requires a variance or special exception. The protest must be filed in writing prior to the close of the public hearing. If owners of 20% of the land area within the original plat boundary that is within 200 feet of the replat protest the replat, approval of the replat must receive an affirmative vote of at least three-fourth (3/4) of the Houston Planning Commission Members present. In computing the percentage of land area for the purpose of protest, streets and alleys are included. The Houston Planning Commission will hold a virtual meeting and public hearing on this item on **Thursday, May 14 th, 2020 at 2:30 PM via Microsoft Teams**. The video conference will allow for a two-way video/ audio communication with Houston Planning Commission. For information on how to join the meeting or submit comments as a speaker, visit our website: www.houstonplanning.com or Call: 832-393-6624. Contact the applicant at 281-782-3723 or the City of Houston Planning Department at (832)393-6600 for any additional information

The Houston Planning Commission has received an application to allow for the oak (or partial replat) of Lots 6 thru 8, Block 5, of Oak Forest of La Sierra, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Film Code No. 671025 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas for the purpose of Creating 4 residential lots.The new subdivision name is **Oak Forest of La Sierra Partial Replat No 1**. The City will send out written notice of a public hearing to all owners of property within 250' of the boundary of the plat and all parcels along or across from a blockface that abuts any street or private roadway extending 500 feet from the plat as measured along the centerline of any street or private roadway that abuts the boundary of the plat. The Houston Planning Commission will hold a virtual meeting and public hearing on this replat on Thursday, **May 28th, 2020 at 2:30 PM via Microsoft Teams**. The video conference will allow for a two-way video/ audio communication with the Houston Planning Commission. For information on how to join the meeting or submit comments as a speaker, visit our website: www.houstonplanning.com or Call: 832-393-6624. Contact the applicant at 713-480-4075 or the City of Houston Planning Department at (832)393-6600 for any additional information.

Our office is searching for the heirs of Johnnie B. Jacobs, deceased. Our office is releasing settlement funds on the behalf of his Asbestos Lawsuit to interested heirs by the end of May 2020. Please contact us immediately:

Baron & Budd, P.C., 3102 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75219-4281, 1-800-222-2766, Contact person: Marty Morris or assistant, Tracie Reece, Probate Department

Houston Eye Associates wishes to congratulate Mark Jenkins, M.D. on his retirement beginning May 30, 2020! Patient medical records will be maintained by Houston Eye Associates 7155 Old Katy Road, Suite N100, Houston, Texas 77024. Records may be requested at 713-668-6828.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK FBISD Lakeview Elementary School

Fort Bend Independent School District

Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc., as Construction Manager-At-Risk for Fort Bend ISD, in accordance with Texas Government Code 2269, will receive bids or proposals for the project from all qualified subcontractors for the FBISD Lakeview Elementary School project.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Conference and walk-thru on May 18th, 2020 at 9:00AM. It will be held at the project site, 314 Lakeview Drive, Sugar Land TX, 77498. **All attendees are required to bring and wear personal face mask protection and we will follow social distancing protocol.** All questions need to be sent to Jeff Ledlow jledlow@satpon.com.

Bids or proposals are due Tuesday June 2nd, 2020 at 2pm. Bids or proposals should be emailed to houstonbids@satpon.com, faxed to 713-996-1400, or mailed/delivered to Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc., 11750 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079. Late bids will **not** be accepted.

There will be no public opening. After receipt of bids or proposals, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. will conduct its evaluation of the subcontractor bids or proposals in relation to the project requirements and will select the bid(s) or proposal(s) that offers the best value to Fort Bend ISD.

Fort Bend ISD, the Owner, reserves the right to waive any informality and/or to reject any, or all bids, or proposals.

Contact Jeff Ledlow for additional information on this project. Please forward all questions to Jeff with S&P, deadline for submitting questions is ten (10) days prior to bid day

Drawings and specifications are available at www.satpon.com and in the Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. office located at 11750 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079.

Drawings and Specifications may also be reviewed at:

Associated General Contractors
McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge, www.construction.com
Virtual Builders Exchange, 3910 Kirby, #131, Houston, TX 77098, (832) 613-0201

SEALED BID AUCTION OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE
4911 San Jacinto, Houston, Tx 77004

0.1550-acre (6,750 sq. ft.) of land in the Obedience Smith Survey, Abstract No. 696, Harris County, Texas, being a portion of Lots 9, 11 and 12 and all of Lot 8, Block 6 in Outlot 109 of MacGregor & Demeritt's Southmore Addition, Harris County, Texas.

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO), is accepting sealed bids for the sale of the surplus real property described above. Bids will be accepted at the METRO Procurement Division Plan room, 2nd Floor, 1900 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002. The deadline for submitting bids is 3:00 PM on Monday, June 1, 2020. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Bid packages containing the title commitment and copies of exception documents, and forms of purchase agreement and deed, may be obtained by visiting METRO's website at www.ridemetro.org/Pages/RealEstate.aspx.

METRO has established a floor bid price of \$237,300.00 for the surplus property and will consider only those bids that equal or exceed the floor bid price. METRO reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to: (i) waive any informalities or minor defects in bids; (ii) reject any or all bids for any reason or for no reason; and/or (iii) cancel the solicitation for bids at any time prior to the bid submittal deadline, without penalty. METRO may accept the highest and most advantageous bid, as determined by METRO in its sole discretion. METRO reserves the right to accept the next highest and advantageous bid if the previously selected bid fails to close in accordance with the terms of the bid package documents.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check drawn on a national bank located in Houston, Texas, payable solely to Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas, in the amount of \$7,500, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract upon final approval by METRO. The bid deposit must be included in the same envelope as the bid, and bids submitted without the bid deposit will not be considered. Except for the three (3) highest bidders, all bid deposits will be returned within five (5) days after the bid deadline. The successful bidder will be required to provide earnest money under the purchase agreement in the bid package in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, to which the bid deposit may be applied.

Contact Gabriel Matos at 713-652-8006 for information.

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By and through its Broker of Record, Limestone Commercial, BakerRipley, a non-profit human services organization, announces a Request for Proposal (RFP) #20-09 Head Start and Early Head Start Southwest Leases in search of a long-term lease for its community services programs in Harris County, Texas.

Specific Market Location: Adjacent to or South of Westpark Tollway, Adjacent to or West of 288 Freeway, Adjacent to or North or East of Sam Houston Tollway, and outside of the 6-10 Loop.

Location 1: Basic requirements include 20,000 sf., with accessible outdoor area, adequate parking, and brokerage commissions to be included on all transactions will be paid by the selected Landlord upon lease execution.

Location 2: Basic requirements include 18,000 sf., with accessible outdoor area, adequate parking, and brokerage commissions to be included on all transactions will be paid by selected Landlord upon lease execution.

Joint Location may be acceptable totaling approximately 40,000-60,000 sf., with abovementioned basic requirements.

The RFP will be posted on the BakerRipley website at <https://www.bakerripley.org/about/vendors> on **May 19, 2020**.

Interested parties can submit a proposal to joan@limestonecommercial.com.

The initial deadline for submitting a proposal is **June 19, 2020**.

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INVITATION FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

Purcell Construction, Inc. will receive Proposals for the Barbers Hill Elementary School North Classroom Additions – Package 2 and Barbers Hill Elementary School South Classroom Additions – Package 2 on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 2:00pm by fax at 281-548-2998 and email bids@purcellc.com. VIRTUAL Pre-Proposal – Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Contact Purcell Construction for time and log in information.

All proposals will be viewed privately by Purcell Construction, Inc., PBK Architects, Inc., and the Owner. Proposals received after the advertised prospect time will not be accepted. Plans and specifications will be available for inspection at the following locations: Virtual Builders Exchange, iSqFt, Dodge, and Purcell Construction FTP Site at www.purcellc.com

All questions concerning these Proposals should be addressed to Carter Ullrich at 281-548-1000 or by email cullrich@purcellc.com.

Purcell Construction, Inc., reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities in the proposal process. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of the proposals without the written consent of Purcell Construction, Inc.

Request for Qualifications RFQ 20-02 Planning, Engineering and Survey Services Related to a "Rule 76" Determination by the Texas Railroad Commission

The Harris County Housing Authority ("HCHA") is soliciting proposals from qualified Planning/Engineering/Surveying Consultants (Consultant(s)) to provide Planning, Engineering and Survey Services related to a "Rule 76" Determination by the Texas Railroad Commission regarding a 90+/- acre parcel of land located on Lake Houston, in Houston, Texas, owned by the Harris County Housing Authority. Proposals Due: May 27, 2020, at 2:00 PM. Proposal Submission – Sealed submissions shall be submitted to: Harris County Housing Authority, 1933 Hussion Street, Building #3, Houston, TX 77003. Attn: Affordable Housing Department. RFQ 20-02 will be posted on and can be downloaded from HCHA's website www.hchatexas.org.

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IFB No. 40200000141: H1 & H3 LRV Passenger Seat Inserts. Solicitation will be available on or about 5/11/2020.

IFB No. 40200000145: Purchase and Delivery of Type 31 AGM 12V Batteries for METRO's Transit Vehicles. Solicitation will be available on or about 5/11/2020.

IFB No. 4020000064: Purchase and Delivery of Air Conditioners for METRO's Rail Vehicles. Solicitation will be available on or about 5/11/2020.

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IFB No. 40200000074: Revenue Bus Fleet Pest Control Services. Solicitation will be available on or about 5/4/2020.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, HOUSTON DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF INGRAM BARGE COMPANY, AS OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE BARGES IB1021, IB921, IB1927, IB1985, IB9123, IB1954, IB1960, PETITIONING FOR EXONERATION FROM AND/OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:20-cv-00983, JUDGE GEORGE C. HANKS

NOTICE OF ACTION BROUGHT FOR EXONERATION FROM AND/OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that Limitation Petitioner, Ingram Barge Company ("Ingram"), as owner/operator of the IB1021, IB921, IB1927, IB1985, IB9123, IB1954, and IB1960 (the "Vessels"), has filed a Complaint pursuant to 46 U.S.C. §§ 30501 et seq., claiming the right to exoneration from and/or limitation of liability for damage claims, demands, or liens arising out of any incident related to an accident occurring on or about September 19, 2019 while fleeted on the San Jacinto River near Harris County, Texas.

All persons asserting claims with respect to which the Verified Complaint seeks exoneration from or limitation of liability are advised and admonished to file their respective claims with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas 77002, and to serve on the attorney for Limitation Petitioner, Michael A. Golemi of Liskow & Lewis APLC, 1001 Fannin, Suite 1800, Houston, Texas 77002, a copy thereof on or before the 22nd day of May, 2020, or be forever defaulted. Personal attendance is not required.

Any claimant desiring to contest either the right to exoneration from and/or the right to limitation of liability shall file and serve an answer, all as required by Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims contained in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law. On April 2, 2020 the Federal Transit Administration announced the CARES Act Section 5307 Apportionment to the Houston UZA in the amount of \$258,569,336.

At its April 23, 2020 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) approved the CARES Act Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds.

On April 29, 2020 METRO sub-allocated the CARES Act funding as follows:

Harris County	4,200,000
Fort Bend County	4,742,243
Gulf Coast Center	791,867
METRO	248,835,226
Total	\$258,569,336

Further information may be obtained by contacting Albert Lyne, METRO Director of Grant Programs, at 713-739-4697 or al21@ridemetro.org.

The official sub-allocation can be found at:
<http://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/NewsPublicHearing.aspx>.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment Proposed Permit No. 2298A

Application and Preliminary Decision. Downstream Environmental, L.L.C., 16350 Park Ten Place, Suite 215, Houston, Texas 77084, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit amendment to authorize an increase in maximum permitted capacity, increase in waste acceptance hours and update the name of the Type V Liquid Waste Processing Facility. The facility is located at 3737 Walnut Bend Lane, Houston, 77042 in Harris County, Texas. The TCEQ received this application on May 7, 2019. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice: <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbdd360f8168250f&marker=-95.56%2C29.702&level=12>. For exact location, refer to application.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Robinson-Westchase Neighborhood Library, Houston, Texas 77042. The permit application may be viewed online at <https://www.team-psc.com/engineering-sector/solid-waste/tceq-permits/>.

You may submit public comments or request a public hearing on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **Opportunity for a Contested Case Hearing.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments and the Executive Director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A person who may be affected by the proposed facility is entitled to request a contested case hearing from the commission. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.**

To Request a Contested Case Hearing, You Must Include The Following Items in Your Request: your name, address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing." and request for contested case hearing. **The request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application submitted during the comment period.

Executive Director Action. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

Mailing List. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing, or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. To be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

Information Available Online. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cids>. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

Agency Contacts and Information. All public comments and requests must be submitted within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice either electronically at <www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/cComment/> or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application, clear the permitting process, please call the TCEQ's Public Education Program/Toll Free, at 800-687-4040 or visit their website at <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep>. Si desea informacion en español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Downstream Environmental, L.L.C. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Todd Stiggins, Associate at (800) 687-3220.

Issued Date: April 22, 2020

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