

**INTERVIEW OF PETE MEDFORD (FORT BEND MECHANICAL)  
JUNE 9, 2010**

Interview conducted by Larry Veselka (primary) and Tim Byrd. David Chaumette, counsel to Mr. Medford, also attended. Purpose of investigation explained and Request for Confidentiality made.

Pete Medford and his son Eric own and operate Fort Bend Mechanical (FBM). FBM secured one of the three 2009 JOC contracts from HCCS. They were one of the three JOCs selected for 2010, but execution of that contract has been held in abeyance because of the suspicions precipitating this investigation.

FBM began doing work at HCC as a subcontractor for mechanical work to Aramark on its general maintenance contract. The sole JOC at that time was RHJ, a business owned by Eva Jackson, a close friend of Gloria Walker, the effective COO of the College then. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike (Sept. 2008), FBM was reliably on-site and performed well for the College. While FBM was not among the top 3 vendors on the 2009 JOC evaluation results, the Board awarded a contract to Mr. Medford's firm because of its strong Ike response efforts.

A. Matters that lead to opening of investigation:

- 1. Relationship between Trustee/former Trustee Abel Davila and HCC subcontractor and prime contractor J's Quality Construction.

Pete Medford met Jocelyne Ramirez and Jason Hernandez (J's Quality's owners) possibly after being passed their card by John Thomas on an HISD project. J's Quality did not have bonding or certification as a small business enterprise then, but FBM used them on painting projects. Mr. Thomas brought a lot of people to Mr. Medford's attention. He would say to Mr. Medford, "look at these people and give them a chance." Pete Medford discerned no push on behalf of J's Quality from Board members directly.

Pete Medford was stunned in his interview when he was advised that J's Quality had been awarded a JOC-like painting contract. He was unaware that painting services had been pulled out of the JOCs and was surprised that J's Quality could qualify for a prime contract ("Where's her bonding?") Pete Medford does not know if J's Quality is being pushed by anyone other than Mr. Davila.

- 2. Relationship between Trustee Yolanda Navarro Flores and HCC subcontractor Full Moon Builders/Services.

Regarding FBM's sub, Full Moon Builders/Services, Mr. Medford said he doesn't know if [redacted] Trustee Navarro Flores [redacted] has any position at Full Moon. The firm is doing some work on Pete Medford's residence. He said Full Moon and John Farrar were recommended to him by [redacted] whom he met at a fundraiser for Trustee Navarro Flores. He acknowledges a "rumor out there" that [redacted] is a part-owner of Full Moon. Trustee Navarro Flores once called him

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up to ask how Full Moon was doing. Mr. Medford asked for and received information from Mr. Farrar that allegedly showed Mr. Farrar was the sole owner of Full Moon.

B. Matters uncovered during investigation justifying further investigation of potential violations of state law:

1. Dealings between Trustee Yolanda Navarro Flores and Trustee/former Trustee Diane Olmos Guzman, on the one hand, and HCC contractor Yaffe Deutser, on the other.

No knowledge

2. Peter Nguyen's proposal to lease old Macy's space at Sharpstown Mall to HCC with implied potential financial benefit for Trustee Yolanda Navarro Flores and/or former Trustee Abel Davila.

No knowledge

C. Matters uncovered during investigation:

Pete Medford acknowledges that Trustee Oliver's company does clean-up work for FBM, and has done so at the Medford residence. John Thomas told Mr. Medford that Trustee Oliver had a construction clean-up business.