

**BUSINESS**



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**Waves crash against a boat in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., after Hurricane Ivan hit in 2004. A persistent oil spill began after the storm toppled a drilling platform.**

# U.S. says oil spill could last 100 years if left unchecked

**By Eric Tucker and Michael Kunzelman**  
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WASHINGTON — A decade-old oil leak where an offshore platform toppled during a hurricane could continue spilling crude into the Gulf of Mexico for a century or more if left unchecked, according to government estimates obtained by the Associated Press that provide new details about the scope of the problem.

Taylor Energy Co., which owned the platform and a cluster of oil wells, has played down the extent and environmental impact of the leak. The New Orleans-based company says nothing can be done to eliminate the chronic oil slicks that stretch for miles off the coast of Louisiana.

Taylor has tried to broker a deal to resolve its financial obligations for the leak, but authorities have rebuffed that and have ordered additional work.

"There is still more that can be done by Taylor to

control and contain the oil that is discharging" from the site, says an Interior Department fact sheet.

Regulators suspect oil is leaking from at least one of 25 wells buried under sediment from an underwater mudslide triggered by waves whipped up by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

A Taylor contractor drilled wells to intercept and plug nine wells capable of leaking oil. But a company official has asserted that experts agree the "best course of action ... is to not take any affirmative action" due to the risks of additional drilling.

An AP investigation last month revealed evidence that the leak is far worse than Taylor, or the government, has reported.

The AP's review of more than 2,300 Coast Guard pollution reports since 2008 showed a spike in sheen sizes and oil volumes since Sept. 1, 2014. That increase came just after federal regulators held a workshop last August to improve the accuracy

of Taylor's slick estimates and started sending government observers on a Taylor contractor's daily flights over the site.

Presented with AP's findings, the Coast Guard provided a new leak estimate that is about 20 times greater than one touted by the company. In a February 2015 court filing, Taylor cited a year-old estimate that oil was leaking at a rate of less than 4 gallons per day.

A Coast Guard fact sheet says sheens as large as 1.5 miles wide and 14 miles long have been spotted by Taylor since the workshop.

In 2008, Taylor set aside hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for leak-related work as part of a trust agreement with the Interior Department. The company says it has spent tens of millions of dollars to contain and halt the leak. The company sold all its offshore leases and oil and gas interests in 2008, four years after founder Patrick Taylor died, and is down to only one full-time employee.

**PEOPLE IN BUSINESS**

**Isaac Johnson** has joined TDECU as vice president, chief risk officer and general counsel.

**Kym I. King** has been promoted to vice president of public relations and community affairs at Goodwill Industries of Houston.

**Tom Clark** has been appointed executive vice president and chief information officer of Cadence Bank.

**Karen Di Fulgo** has been promoted to senior vice president, human resources, at Benchmark Hospitality International.

**Tom DeGeorgio** has joined the KPMG Houston office as a partner and has been named the national tax leader for the oil and gas industry.

**Sonya Caruso** has joined the Wagner Mortgage Banking Team of One Trust Home Loans as a mortgage banker.

**Collin Grimes** was promoted to first vice president at CBRE. He specializes in office tenant representation.

**Drew Noecker**, a vice president with CBRE Hotels, relocated to the firm's Houston office from Chicago. He specializes in hospitality evaluations, financing, and dispositions for individual assets and portfolios.

**Matt Trozzo** joined CBRE as senior vice president, specializing in office tenant representation.

**Graham Horton** joined CBRE as senior vice president, specializing in



**Johnson**



**King**



**Clark**



**Di Fulgo**



**DeGeorgio**



**Caruso**



**Grimes**



**Noecker**



**Trozzo**



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office tenant representation. Prosperity Bancshares, the parent company of Prosperity Bank, announced the following management changes. **Edward Z. Safady**, chairman of the Prosperity Bank's Central Texas area, was promoted to president of Prosperity Bancshares and vice chairman of the Prosperity Bank. **Bob Benter**, chairman of the Prosperity Bank's Houston area, was promoted to president of Prosperity Bank and a director. **Robert Dowdell**, regional president of Prosperity Bank's Houston area, was named executive vice president of Prosperity Bancshares and

Prosperity Bank. **Chris Delaup** was promoted to chairman of the Houston area with the primary responsibility of administration within the area, and **Randy Reeves** to chairman of the Houston area with the primary responsibility of business development, and **Dan Agnew** to president of the Houston area.

**Robert J. "Bert" Viguet Jr.** has joined Porter Hedges as a partner focusing on mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance.

The Chronicle lists appointments to executive-level positions in Houston. Send announcements to [katherine.feser@chron.com](mailto:katherine.feser@chron.com).

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**ADOPTIONS**

**ADOPTION.** Caring Attorney & Kid's Counselor (will be Stay-Home Mom) yearn for 1st baby. Expenses: 800-965-3577. Maria & Joe. It is illegal to be paid for anything other than legal and medical expenses.

**BIDS & PROPOSALS**

**Houston Community College Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Energy Engineering Consulting Services Project No. 15-18**  
Documents can be obtained at: [www.hcccs.edu/district/departments/procurement](http://www.hcccs.edu/district/departments/procurement). Sealed qualifications will be received in Procurement Operations (3100 Nolichucky Street, Room No. 11A06, Houston, Texas 77002) until 2:00PM (local time) on Thursday, May 28, 2015. Pre-proposal meeting will be held on May 19, 2015 at 10:00 am at 3100 Main Street, Seminar Room C, Houston, Texas 77002.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** is soliciting subcontractor/supplier bids for **Concrete Contractors on the United Airlines New Terminal C North Project.** City of Houston Certified MWSBE contractors are highly encouraged to bid. A pre bid meeting will be held on May 19th at 9:30 AM at the HAS Procurement conference room 18600 Lee Road Room #113 Humble, TX 77338.

The bid due date is **Tuesday June 2, 2015 @ 2:00PM CDT.**  
Bids may be turned in at 2120 Montrose, Houston, TX 77006, or emailed to [houstonbids@manhattanconstruction.com](mailto:houstonbids@manhattanconstruction.com)

**INVITATION TO PROPOSERS**

United Airlines (UA) would like to invite you to propose on the George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) - New Terminal C North (NCN) Construction Materials Testing & Inspection Services. The proposal forms for both projects will be issued in Addendum No. 1 on Friday, May 15, 2015 (via website). Please note the following proposal dates listed below:

**Pre-Proposal Meeting**  
The Pre-Proposal Meeting (Mandatory) will be held on **Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 10:30AM**, located at UA | Project Management Office (PMO), 4975 Wright Road, Houston, Texas 77032. Please confirm via email if your firm is interested in proposing and designate two (2) representatives that will attend.

All proposals are due no later than **Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 2PM**, email [electronicmissions@united.com](mailto:electronicmissions@united.com) or Perla Lane via email: [perla.lane@united.com](mailto:perla.lane@united.com) (2) hard copies are required to follow the next day by 12:00 pm at the offices of United Airlines (PMO) at:

United Airlines  
Project Management Office (PMO)  
4975 Wright Road  
Houston, TX 77032  
Attention: Rich Accoradio & Perla Lane

Please reference the UAL project website for additional information [www.newterminalciah.com](http://www.newterminalciah.com). If you should have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Rich Accoradio via email: [rich.accoradio@united.com](mailto:rich.accoradio@united.com) or Perla Lane via email: [perla.lane@united.com](mailto:perla.lane@united.com)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.

**IFB No. IFBMM15012** - For Purchase and Delivery of Diesel Particulate Filters for Transit Vehicles. Solicitation will be available on or about 05/18/15. Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <http://www.ridemetro.org/Opportunities/Procurement/solicitations.aspx>. If you are unable to download the documents or having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

**Sealed Bid Solicitation #FS12-15 Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program Fire Service Apparatus (All Types)**  
Pre-Bid Conference: 6/4/15 @ 9am  
Response Deadline: 8/13/15 @ 1pm  
Public Opening: 8/13/15 @ 2pm  
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.  
Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice. 832-681-2514 or [www.hgacbuy.org](http://www.hgacbuy.org) for info.

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The bid due date is **Thursday May 28th, 2015 @ 2:00PM CDT.**  
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**IFB No. IB1500040:** BAE Hybrid System Extended Warranty & Maintenance Program. Solicitation will be available on or about 05/11/15.

**IFB No. IB1500002:** Multi-Facilities Outdoor LED Lighting Retrofit. Installation will be available on or about 05/11/15.

Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <http://www.ridemetro.org/Opportunities/Procurement/solicitations.aspx>. If you are unable to download the documents or having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

Sealed bids/proposals/qualifications addressed to Spring Branch Independent School District, ATTN: Director of Purchasing will be received in the SBISD Purchasing Office at 1031 Witte Rd, Bldg T-1A, Houston, TX 77055. Bids/proposals/qualifications will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Road, Building T-1A, Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals. For information, contact the SBISD Purchasing Department at (713)251-1107. Bidders/Proposers/Qualifiers may download documents from SBISD website on or after 05/11/2015 at: <http://springbranchisd.com/skin2/purchasing/taibid/16019/default.aspx>

**Sealed Proposal Solicitation #E12-15 Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment**  
Pre-Proposal Conference: 06/23/15 @ 9am  
Response Deadline: 08/11/15 @ 1pm  
Public Opening: 08/11/15 @ 2pm  
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.  
Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice. 713-499-6693 or [www.hgacbuy.org](http://www.hgacbuy.org) for info.

Teal Const. is soliciting proposals for the HCC Southeast College Felix Fraga Campus STEM Facility, Project 14-04 "H". Teal's office is located at 1335 Britton Moore Houston, Texas 713-465-8306 fax 713-465-9837. Only the Plumbing section Division, 22 will be required. For questions contact Dwayne J. Acas, Project documents will be posted on 5/21-2015 until 5:00pm. Proposals will be accepted by mail and fax. Proposals must be received no later than 2pm on 5/21-2015. Subcontracts will only be awarded to successful proposers possessing the ability to perform it scope of work as required per the terms and conditions of the contract documents.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**CAUSE NUMBER: 2013-72446**  
**IN THE 127TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS Plaintiff: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. (AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL, N.A.)**  
**Defendant: PLUTARCO BENAVIDES SANCHEZ**  
**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to be and appear before the **127th Judicial District Court**, Harris County, Texas in the courthouse in the city of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M.M., Monday, the 8th day of June, 2015, being the Monday next after the expiration date of forty-two days after this citation is issued and you are hereby commanded and required then and there to appear and file written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, filed in said Court on the 3rd day of December, 2013, in a suit number **2013-72446** docket of said court, wherein **JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. (AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL, N.A.)**, the Plaintiff, and **PLUTARCO BENAVIDES SANCHEZ**, the Defendant, the nature of plaintiff's demand and the said petition alleging: **OTHER CIVIL SUMMARY**  
Summary of Suit for Citation by Publication  
You are hereby notified that a lawsuit has been brought by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Washington Mutual, N.A., its successors and assigns, against the Plaintiff, Plutarco Benavides Sanchez and Rosa Garcia Garcia, and any other person claiming any right, title, interest or possession in or to the property located at 11519 Highlands Meadow Drive, Houston, Texas 77089, and legally described by lot: **LOT FIVE (5) BLOCK THREE (3) HIGHLAND MEADOWS SECTION TWO (2), A SUB-DIVISION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 315 PAGE 206 OF THE HARRIS COUNTY MAP RECORDS.** Plaintiff's petition is styled JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Washington Mutual, N.A. v. Plutarco Benavides Sanchez and Rosa Garcia Garcia. The Plaintiff seeks to enforce its home equity loan against and assert superior title to the above described property. Notice hereof shall be given by publishing this citation once a week for five consecutive weeks previous to the day of **June 8th, 2015**, in some newspaper published in the County of Harris, if there is no newspaper published therein, but if not then the nearest county where a newspaper is published, and this Citation shall be returned on the **5th day of June 2015**, which is forty-two days after the date it is issued, and the first publication shall be at least twenty-eight days before said return day. **HEREIN FAIL NOT**, but have before said court on said return day this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

**WITNESS: Chris Daniel,** District Clerk, Harris County, Texas  
**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT** at Houston, Texas, this **24th day of April, 2015.**  
**(SEAL)**  
**Chris Daniel**  
District Clerk  
**Harris County, Texas**  
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Houston, Texas 77002  
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Houston, Texas 77210  
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**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Draft 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program**  
The Houston-Galveston Area Council will host a public meeting on the Draft 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on **Wednesday, June 10, 2015** from 7:00 p.m. at the H GAC offices, 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor Conference Room A, Houston, TX 77027. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and provide comments to H-GAC.  
The UPWP outlines the proposed tasks and associated costs estimated with conducting the region's transportation planning and research for the next two years.  
The 30-day public comment period for the Draft 2016-2017 UPWP begins on Sunday, May 17, 2015 and extends through Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 5 p.m. Submit all written comments to Transportation Public Information, Houston-Galveston Area Council, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77277, fax to 713-993-4508, or email to [PublicComments@h-gac.com](mailto:PublicComments@h-gac.com). Copies of the Draft UPWP will be available at the meeting and posted on the H GAC Transportation Web site at <http://www.h-gac.com/taq/plans-programs/upwp/default.aspx>. Any questions regarding the UPWP should be directed to Mr. Jeff Kaufman, Transportation Coordinator, at (832) 681-2533, or by email to [jeff.kaufman@h-gac.com](mailto:jeff.kaufman@h-gac.com).

**H-GAC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions.** Requests from persons needing these special accommodations should be received by H-GAC staff 24 hours prior to a function. The public meeting will be conducted in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days prior to a function. Please call 713-993-2471 for assistance.

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