

# CONTRACTING UPDATE

## CONSTRUCTION ZONE



The Penna Group will move approximately 45,000 truckloads of dirt near Northside Dr. and Samuels Avenue for the US Army Corps of Engineers

## CONSTRUCTION KEEPS MOVING IN CENTRAL CITY

More dirt moving has begun (about 45,000 truckloads to be exact!) along the Trinity River between Northside Dr. and Samuels Ave. This time the work will not only create crucial flood storage, but will also transform the area where the City of Fort Worth auto impound used to be into a trailhead with skyline views that will provide enhanced trail access to Northside area neighborhoods like Diamond Hill. Local contractor, Penna Group began the work earlier this year. [Construction Zone continued on next page>](#)



## VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

### Penna Group



Started as a sole proprietorship in 2006 by founder Michael Evangelista-Ysasaga, The Penna Group began performing modest government construction projects, soon progressing into a full-blown infrastructure firm. As a small business,

Penna ran into many obstacles not faced by larger companies, notably, trying to compete on a level playing field against bigger firms. "With the help of the TRVA, Penna is beginning to reach its full potential," says Michael. "I always knew what we were capable of, but they helped us close the gap." Penna is 8(a)-certified by the SBA and has performed several multi-million dollar contracts for the Army Corps of Engineers. "As a smaller company, we were able to utilize the tools of the TRVA's small business outreach, which allowed us to grow into a stronger company. I would encourage other small businesses, M/WBEs, Service Disabled Veterans, and HUB-Zone companies to take advantage of the resources offered by the TRVA. It is under their tutelage and guidance that we've grown and thrived."

Penna Group's Subcontractors:

- Basecom, Inc.**
- Universal fence (HUB)**
- Del-Rod Construction (HUB)**
- Rinker Materials**
- Don Henderson Survey**
- DCT Trucking (HUB)**
- Oldcastle Materials**
- RediMix Concrete**
- CMC Rebar**

### Project Fact

Currently, there are over 120 firms that have received contracts to work on the Trinity River Vision project.

## SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR VENDOR DATABASE!

Visit [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) and click on the Online Vendor Registration link to sign up to receive notifications for bid opportunities, educational workshops and networking events by email.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for the TRVA booth at the following events to learn more about doing business on the Trinity River Vision project.

Check [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) for more information.

**JUNE 29TH**

Alliance Texas Small Business Procurement Fair

**JULY 8TH**

Tarrant County Vendor Forum

## UPCOMING BID OPPORTUNITIES

### Trinity River Vision Authority

Demolition and Asbestos Abatement of buildings in the path of bridges and bypass channel (Anticipated bid date is June 2010)

### City of Fort Worth

Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocations (Anticipated bid date is July 2010)

Sanitary Sewer Improvements including removal and replacement of existing sanitary sewer manholes and structural adjustments to manhole roofs

(Anticipated bid date is July 2010)

All projects are subject to change due to scope of work and timing. For current information please review bid opportunities at [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org).

### Diverse Business Facts

Diverse Business Participation reports providing committed dollars versus actual dollars spent and current participation percentages are posted at [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org).



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Fort Worth Trinity River Vision will deliver an innovative new flood control system that will provide public safety as well as important quality of life elements including: recreational opportunities, ecosystem restoration, and urban revitalization. Central to the plan is the creation of a 12 mile public boardwalk along the river's edge.

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700 or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.



### VENDOR DATABASE

Take advantage of the online vendor database. Vendors are finding it to be a very helpful networking tool. We now have over 565 registered vendors who are signed up and interested in working on this project. Go online and search by industry to find other interested prime and sub contractors to partner with on contracts.

Go to [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) and click on the Vendor Search and Registration link to access the database. By registering, you will receive notification for all Trinity River Vision bid opportunities and educational workshops.



### KEEPING UP WITH THE SCHEDULE

Go to [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) to view the contracting schedule. This schedule outlines the types of professional service and construction bid opportunities expected for the project. The entity letting the contract is identified and target start dates are listed. TRVA will keep this chart updated regularly according to the current schedule. Stay in touch by periodically checking this online.

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### PROGRESS IN GATEWAY PARK

A "voluntary soil removal program" has been established with Howard Construction which will save the project \$6-8 million. Crews will continue to remove soil from a 100-acre site in Gateway Park's Riverside Oxbow, but they get to keep the soil and sell it for a profit. The work is being done to enhance flood control and restore the area back to its natural bottomland hardwood condition – the perfect growth condition for the 80,000 trees that will be planted in the park. The area under construction will also be home to numerous soccer fields, a splash park and covered basketball courts.

### CONCRETE REMOVAL

Work has begun on the removal of key concrete slabs to make way for new TRV bridges at Henderson St. and White Settlement Rd.



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