United Theological Seminary and Bible College Declares 2003-2004 It's Year of Jubilee in the Pacific Northwest

God's mandate to all of his children and followers is to "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needth not be ashamed rightly diving the word of truth." 2Timothy 2:15

The United Theological Seminary ad Bible College headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana has for over a half century educated trained, prepared and equipped God's people for both battle and service, under the leadership of President,DR. B.F. MARTIN. There are 21 centers located throughout the United States of America, among them is our own Seattle Extension Center. Our Chief Executive Director is the honorable DR. ROBERT HOUSTON. For more than 23 years this center in the Pacific Northwest has produced some of the best religious leaders and scholars. Among them are Dr. A.L. Hardy of the A.L. Hardy School, who served as one of our most dedicated instructors Dr. Walter White, Rev. Curtis Q. Taylor Dr. Abraham Harris Dr. Shelby Tate all national and local convention leaders, Rev. Zachary Bruce and present instructors Dr. Robert Jeffrey and Dr. Frank Bates. There is an overwhelming number of lay people, preachers and pastors who have enhanced the growth of the Christian Church and the community because of their unique unforgettable scholastic experiences at UTS. We also have 3 satellite centers and a correspondent program to meet the needs of all people. UTS dares to be different! We celebrate annually through our Student institute in the month of May. We have both out of town guest as well as local pastors delivering the noon day messages and lectures. Among our invited guest are the honorable Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney, Rev. Matthew Thornton Dr. H.P. Sampson and many others. Every 2 to 3 years we have graduation featuring our President Dr. B.F. Martin and some of the other officials from headquarters.

God's word helps us to tell our story and validates our existence. It also creates the urgency for Man to study his word of truth. God's word ignites the fire in us and stirs up the gift that God promised he would give us. Hold fast to his promise and DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN THIS GREAT SCHOOL. We promise an interminable, extraordinary change in you.

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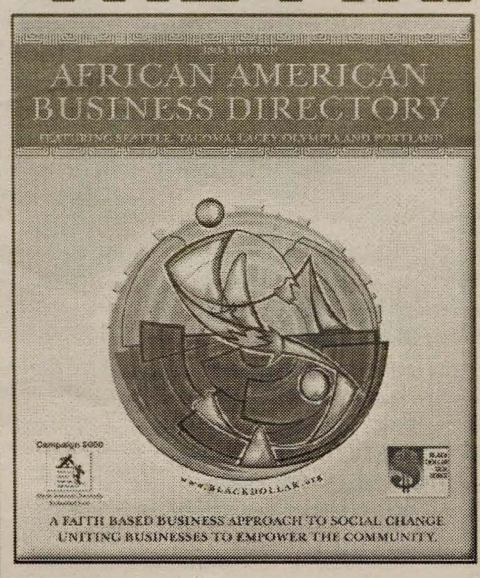
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Sound Transit Contracts to Kiewit Pacific.

The Black community has several questions concerning the Sound Transit contracts awarded to Kiewit Pacific Co. In a letter dated August 11, 2003 to Sound Transit Chairman and Martin Luther King County Executive Ron Sims, Kiewit claimed that they had received quotes from 16 African American contractors prior to submitting their bids. They had executed letter of intent to secure services of 11 African American subcontractors, increasing African-American subcontractors participation in these contracts to more that $ 3 million.

In the August 14th 2003 Sound Transit Board meeting neither the names of African American contractors nor copies of the letter of intent were available. The Black Contractors Coalition asserted that since the lack of African American participation lead to holding up the contract award to Kiewit on it's 7/24/03 board meeting, they should have demonstrated some good faith effort by providing names of their potential contractor, scope of work and dollar value of their respective contracts. A front page Daily Journal of Commerce article by Marc Stiles quotes Dan Howell Kiewit Pacific project Manager as saying that Kiewit was "actually up to slightly more than 3 million dollars now," The same article quotes Howell as saying, " the increase in African Americans is due to a couple of factors. " We had a significant number we didn't feel we could list (as minority owned companies) because they were not certified."

Rev. Kenneth J. Ransfer, Sr. Pastor at Greater Mount Baker Baptist Church, a leader who has been involved with the disparities in equity for black construction workers and contractors, stated " After all the dialogue we had with the Sound Transit Board and the Sound Transit Administration all we end up with is a promise that things would be made right. I am very concerned that African American contractors who actually bid to Kiewit were not considered, and they were certified. The battle for economic justice at Sound Transit is still a real issue in the African American community of Seattle and the Puget Sound Region. We need more than promises."

Also at the August 14th Sound Transit meeting Kiewit passed out a company statement that they entitled "Kiewit Pacific Co. Response to Allegations", that was attached to their letter to Sims. In this statement they claimed that allegations that they forced a subcontractor off a job was untrue. They further claimed that they received $1 million dollars from that subcontractor's surety bonding company as a result of the company's default and failure to perform. Elton Mason, then owner of EMT and Excavating, now dba E.L.Mason Industries Inc., was subcontractor under TLH Abatement that performed on a contract at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. Kiewit Pacific was the general contractor. Mason testified in front of Sound Transit's board on July 17th that he opposed Kiewit receiving the contract due to their history of treating African American contractors unfairly and that they still owed him over $300,000 (plus pain and suffering) from the convention center contract. Mason contradicted Kiewit Pacific and said, "I did not have a surety bond. Kiewit had me perform several functions outside the scope of my contract and threaten me if I did not do it. I had completed over 95% of my contract and was not allowed to come back and finish. Over a year later Kiewit hired a different contractor for more money and back charged my company for the job".

Northwest Gospel Music legend and Pastor of the Oneness Christian Center, Rev. Patrinell Wright, who one of several African American pastors who testified against the awarding of the contract to Kiewit at the July 24th, 2003 Sound Transit Board Meeting, expressed shock and dismay that the contract was awarded without Kiewit and Sound Transit not providing the public with the names of the 11 African American subcontractors that Kiewit has executed letters of intent. Pastor Wright stated, "If a contract was held up because Blacks had very, very little representation, it certainly would seem that Sound Transit would provide the names if not copies of the letter of intent, "Like Pastor Wright so eloquently said at the July Board meeting, "Just open up the door and we will get it ourselves"... James Brown.

A community meeting will be called in the very near future to update the community on Economic equity in contracting. "It's our tax dollars and we should be represented when they are spent, "said Eddie Rye Jr. of Black Contractor's Coalition.

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