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# ACA Newsletter

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## Three Contracts Awarded with Goals in First Quarter of 2019

**1/31/2018      CLMC722      Exposition Blvd Water and Wastewater Rehabilitation**

The contractor's choice of work methodology provides for seven areas of subcontracting opportunities which are listed below. Participation Subgoals stated in the solicitation were 2.34% African American; 6.33% Hispanic; 0.67% Native/Asian; 1.60% WBE. Total participation estimated on base bid amount:

	<b>Base Bid:</b>	<b>\$ 3,255,398.00</b>	
<b>PRIME</b>			
		\$ 3,103,298.00	95.32%
(MH) Austin Underground, Inc., Lago Vista, Texas		\$ 3,103,298.00	95.32%
<b>MBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS</b>		\$ 99,000.00	3.05%
<b>African American Subtotal</b>		\$ 77,000.00	2.37%
(MB) Sam Kellough Trucking, Austin, Texas (Trucking)		\$ 77,000.00	2.37%
<b>Native/Asian American Subtotal</b>		\$ 22,000.00	0.68%
(MA) Benqwest, Austin, Texas (Fuel)		\$ 22,000.00	0.68%
<b>WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS</b>		\$ 52,500.00	1.61%
(FA) Marie's Trucking, Austin, Texas (Trucking)		\$ 28,500.00	0.875%
(FW) Roadway Specialties, Austin, Texas (Landscaping Highway, Heavy Utilities)		\$ 24,000.00	0.737%
<b>NON MBE/WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS</b>		\$ 600.00	0.02%
The Asphalt Repair Company, Lago Vista, Texas (Asphalt Paving and Milling)		\$ 100.00	0.003%
Custom Crete, Austin, Texas (Concrete)		\$ 100.00	0.003%
Flasher Equipment, Jarrell, Texas (Striping Street Lane/Traffic Controls)		\$ 100.00	0.003%
Martin Marietta, Austin, Texas (Concrete & Aggregate)		\$ 100.00	0.003%
Tex Mix, Leander, Texas (Concrete)		\$ 100.00	0.003%
TRP Construction Group, Austin, Texas (Striping Street Lane/Traffic Controls)		\$ 100.00	0.003%

# February Council Award

**2/21/2019**      **CLMP256**      **Architectural and Historic Preservation Services for the Zilker Metro Park Clubhouse**

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Native Asian; and 15.80% WBE.

**RECOMMENDED FIRM:** Limbacher & Godfrey, Inc., Austin, TX – Total Participation:

<b><u>WBE TOTAL – PRIME</u></b>	<b>49.10%</b>
(FW) Limbacher & Godfrey, Inc., Austin, TX	49.10%
<b><u>MBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS</u></b>	<b>15.90%</b>
<b><u>African American Subtotal</u></b>	<b>02.00%</b>
(FB) HIS Design Studio, LLC, Austin, TX (landscape architecture)	00.50%
(FB) ADISA Public Relations, Inc., Austin, TX (public information services)	01.50%
<b><u>Hispanic Subtotal</u></b>	<b>09.00%</b>
(MH)Maldonado-Burkett, LLC, Austin, TX (surveying)	09.00%
<b><u>Native/Asian Subtotal</u></b>	<b>04.90%</b>
(MA) Asakura Robinson Company, LLC, Austin, TX (landscape architecture)	04.90%
<b><u>WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS</u></b>	<b>02.00%</b>
(FW) Archillum Lighting Design, Inc., Austin, TX (architectural services, interior and exterior lighting services)	01.00%
(FW) Austin Permit Service, LLC, Austin, TX (building permit services)	01.00%
<b><u>NON M/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS</u></b>	<b>33.00%</b>
Doucet & Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (civil engineering)	08.00%
ACR Engineering, Inc., Austin, TX (engineering consulting, MEP design, energy modeling, sustainability)	10.00%
Austech Roof Consultants, Inc., (roofing consultant)	01.00%
Sparks Engineering, Inc., San Antonio, TX (structural engineering, historical preservation forensic engineering)	06.50%
Turner & Townsend, Inc., Houston, TX (cost estimating)	05.50%
Ron Basquette Architect, Austin, TX (architectural services)	01.00%
FD2S, Austin, TX (graphic design, architectural)	01.00%

# March Council Award

**3/28/2019**      **CLMC726**      **Water Distribution & Lift Station SCADA Improvements Phase 1**      **\$326,865**

The contractor's choice of work methodology provides for two areas of subcontracting opportunities which are listed below. Project specific subgoals stated in the solicitation was 7.49% combined MBE/WBE. Total participation estimated on base bid amount:

		<b>Base Bid: \$ 178,800.00</b>	
PRIME	NON M/WBE TOTAL	\$ 147,146.00	82.30%
	Control Panels USA, Inc., Austin, TX		
	<b>MBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>African American Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>Hispanic Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>Native/Asian American Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS</b>	<b>\$ 31,654.00</b>	<b>17.70%</b>
	(FW) Stephanie Braun Clayton, LLC, Austin, TX (construction photos)	<b>\$ 4,900.00</b>	<b>2.74%</b>
	(FH) T Morales Co. Electric & Controls, Ltd, Florence, TX (treatment plant	<b>\$ 26,754.00</b>	<b>14.96%</b>

# Meet the New Assistant City Managers

Austin City Manager Spencer Cronk has selected Gina Fiandaca and Rey Arellano as Assistant City Managers as part of an ongoing process to align his executive team with Austin's Strategic Direction.

Mr. Arellano will oversee departments and projects focused on safety. Ms. Fiandaca will manage efforts on mobility.

Safety and Mobility are two of the strategic outcomes that are part of the **City's Strategic Direction 2023**. The first seeks to make sure families are safe in their homes, at work, and in our community. The second is designed to secure real progress in getting us where we want to go, when we want to get there, safely and cost-effectively.

"Gina and Rey are going to be instrumental in helping us meet our goals in the areas of safety and mobility, which have been identified as key strategic priorities for the City," said Cronk. "They will be leading multi-talented teams working to tackle some of the top challenges facing Austin."



**Rey Arellano**

Rey Arellano currently serves as an Assistant City Manager for the City of Austin and oversees the Safety portfolio that includes Police, Fire, Austin-Travis County EMS, Austin Code, Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Watershed Protection and the Downtown Austin Community Court. As the City's Lead Executive, he collaborated with Travis County executives to develop the necessary legislation and governing documents that led to the establishment of the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center.

Rey serves as Chair of the regional Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center Governing Board; as well as Chair of the City's Information Technology Steering Committee and the Open and Smart Advisory Committee. His previous assignments include Deputy City Manager & Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the City of Tacoma WA and the City of San Diego CA. Rey completed a 22-year career as a U.S. Navy Officer, serving as a nuclear-trained Submarine Officer on various submarines and other staff assignments. Rey earned a Master of Science in Information Management from Marymount University, Arlington, VA; and a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.



**Gina Fiandaca**

Gina Fiandaca serves as Commissioner of the City of Boston Transportation Department (BTD). As Commissioner, Gina oversees staff who work together to ensure safe, efficient and equitable access on Boston's street system for all users through a combination of transportation planning, engineering, management, operations and enforcement efforts. Under Gina's leadership, the department released the 15-year, \$4.74B "Go Boston 2030", which was Boston's first major transportation plan in decades that included mobility projects and policies to expand access, improve safety and ensure reliability.

She serves as Chair of the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission, as well as a member of the City of Boston Public Improvement Commission and the Boston Emergency Management Agency, the National Association of Transportation Officials and the Massachusetts Area Planning Council. Gina received a bachelor's degree from Suffolk University and an MBA from Boston University.

## Higher resolution images and extended bios are available on request

Last summer Cronk began the process of reorganizing the City Manager's Office around the outcomes in the Strategic Direction 2023 by laying out plans for an open recruitment for four Assistant City Manager positions and one Deputy City Manager.

The City released a survey asking the community what skills and characteristics they felt were most important for City leaders to possess. The responses to the survey helped build the job posting and candidate profiles.

Cronk also solicited additional feedback from the quality of life commissions and with community groups related to the areas of responsibility of each Assistant City Manager.

In December, Cronk selected Rodney Gonzales as Assistant City Manager for economic opportunity and affordability and Chris Shorter as Assistant City Manager health & environment and culture & lifelong learning.

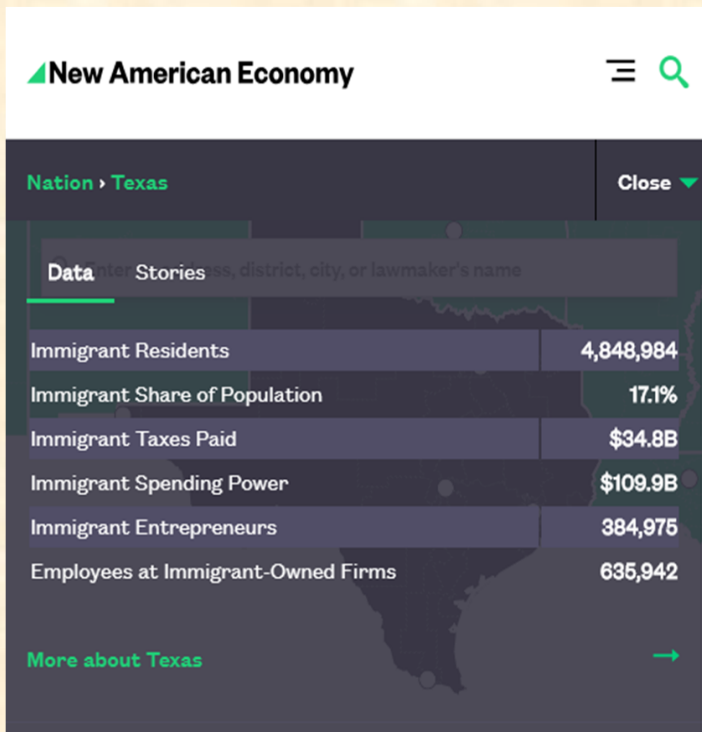
The search for a Deputy City Manager, overseeing the priority Strategic Outcome called Government That Works For All is ongoing. (City of Austin Communications and Public Information Office)





# Immigrants in Austin Spend More and Pay More Taxes

By Andrew Weber



A new study shows immigrants have an outsized impact on Austin's economy.

Overall, 4.8 million immigrants in Texas paid \$34.8 billion in taxes and had an economic footprint of \$109.9 billion, according to an analysis of 2017 census data from the bipartisan immigrant advocacy group New American Economy.

Researcher Andrew Lim says immigrant populations have fueled much of the growth in Texas, and particularly Austin, over the last decade.

"Texas obviously is one of the most rapidly growing states – and Austin in particular," Lim says. "We have looked at different metro areas and how they've been growing, and immigrants are disproportionately responsible for a lot of that growth in terms of population and providing workforces that meet the needs of expanding businesses or expanding industries."

Though Austin's share of immigrants is comparatively smaller than other metro areas, Lim says, that population's purchasing power and taxes paid were proportionally greater than communities in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Overall, Austin's nearly 300,000 immigrants had the highest combined spending footprint and taxes paid, compared to their overall size. Immigrants had a purchasing power of \$7.4 billion and paid \$2.5 billion in taxes, the study found. But Austin's overall population share of immigrants in Texas was smaller than other large metro areas.

"Within the context of Texas, Austin may seem to have a lower share of immigrants," Lim said. "But when you look at other cities in the U.S., it is one of the top cities." However, Lim says, state policies like the 2017 ban on so-called ban on [sanctuary cities](#) have a chilling effect on the overall economic imprint of immigrant communities.

"You do see direct and indirect economic effects ... either from business-owners who no longer have the workforce they're used to – especially in key industries like agriculture or construction," he said. "But also at a local level, you're having basically dollars removed from the community because people are no longer there to spend that money."

This legislative session, Lim said, NAE is keeping an eye on two bills that would rescind in-state tuition for undocumented students at public universities. If passed, he said, that bill could make higher education for undocumented immigrants "prohibitively expensive."

NAE's predicted that could lead to a loss of \$400 million a year in economic activity.

