

January 2002 Monthly Report

Introduction

Health and safety design work for 72 schools in nine Abbott school districts and the execution of contracts with professionals for new Abbott school facilities were tandem goals during the month of January. In addition, health and safety construction work at sixteen schools was advertised for construction bids. This procurement activity shifted the school construction program into high gear in anticipation of heavy construction activity this spring and summer. Details of the month's activities follow.

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I. Construction Update

A. **New Schools**

During January, the Authority executed assignments of contract with architectural firms for the design of four new schools and a large addition, with total estimated costs of construction of approximately \$80 million. This group of schools includes the replacement of an elementary school for the Perth Amboy School District, a new middle school for the West New York School District, a new elementary school for the Orange School District, a middle school for the Buena Regional School District and major addition for the Woodlynne School District. The new schools that are now under design will be part of the first group constructed under the schools program.

B. **Procurement of Construction Contractors**

Advertisements for construction contractors were published on the Authority's website and in regional newspapers during January for the health and safety facilities projects listed below. The estimated cost of construction for these projects is nearly \$9 million. Mandatory pre-bid meetings were held to review with prospective bidders the full scope of the work and the time frames for its completion.

School District	Work Description	No. of Schools	Bid Due Date
Trenton	Roofing Upgrades	1	1/31/02
Paterson	Window Replacement	1	2/13/02
Union	Masonry Repairs	2	2/7/02
Union	Doors, Stairs, and General Accessibility	3	2/7/02
Newark	Total Scope	1	2/15/02
Newark	Total Scope	1	2/13/02
Newark	Electrical	1	2/13/02
Elizabeth	General Construction and Roofing	2	2/14/02
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Camden	General Construction and Roofing	2	2/27/02

Upon the Authority's receipt of the bids for these projects, they will be reviewed and scored by procurement specialists, and recommendations of award will be made based on both the quality of proposals and the prices proposed in the bids.

1. *Procurement of Design Professionals*

Seventeen separate "packages" of health and safety repair work estimated at approximately \$90 million and comprised of 72 schools were advertised for design services during January, including approximately \$13 million for the Camden City School District, \$13.5 million for the Irvington City School District, more than \$32 million for the Passaic City School District, \$6 million for the Pemberton School District, \$5 million for the Phillipsburg School District, \$2.6 million for Union City, \$8.6 million for the Vineland School District and \$851,070 for the East Orange School District. The Authority is requiring that the design work for these projects be completed within 30-45 days, depending on the individual contract. This time frame is considered very aggressive by construction industry standards.

Project officers from the Authority's Division of Design and Construction, who are the Authority's in-house construction managers and who serve as liaisons between construction professionals, school districts and the Authority, held pre-proposal site meetings to review the design scopes of work and scheduling for the projects. In addition, "kick off" meetings were held throughout the State with design professionals under contract with the Authority and school district officials to review project terms, scopes of work and planning and scheduling issues.

2. *Completion of Health and Safety Construction Projects*

Many of the construction projects initiated last year are finished. Health and safety work at seven schools in the Garfield School District costing \$1.7 million is now complete. Innovative materials and construction techniques paved the way for the completion ahead of schedule of roofing projects at six schools in the Long Branch School District. Facilities projects have also been completed in the school districts of Neptune, Keansburg Hoboken and roofs at five schools in Irvington.

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II. **Predevelopment and Land Acquisition**

Site Feasibility investigations were initiated for the school districts of Newark and Harrison. Review appraisals were received for properties in the Garfield school district that will serve as the sites for a new middle school and early childhood center as well as for two sites in the Phillipsburg School District and for four sites in the Newark School District.

Appraisal contract and Notice to Proceed have been transmitted for the Harrison High School Site. Contracts were executed for review appraisal and title services for the Irvington school district's purchase of the Essex County Vo-Tech, which will be the site for a new elementary school and administrative offices. Appraisals were received for the Jersey City School District for PS #3 parking, and for the Neptune School District.

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III. **School Construction Insurance Program**

The Authority's Division of Contract Procurement has been working with risk management consultants to develop a comprehensive insurance program for the school construction and financing program. This involves the development of a safety plan that would be mandatory for all school construction projects and the engagement of insurance brokers and insurance carriers to provide a full range of insurance services, including casualty, builders risk, environmental and owners protective liability. All of these procurements are expected to proceed in February with the issuance of a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals.

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IV. School District Grants

Abbott Districts: The Authority executed Grant Agreements with the West New York School District for the district to undertake design and construction and to receive a grant for the costs of three elementary school health and safety projects. These grants are authorized under the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Law for facilities projects with estimated construction costs under \$500,000.

Non Abbott Districts: The Authority executed 35 grant agreements this month for facilities projects in 14 non-Abbott school districts. The State share for these projects totals approximately \$60 million. This brings the total amount of State grants executed by the Authority to approximately \$220 million for 131 projects with estimated costs of construction of approximately \$663 million.

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V. Conferences/Presentations

NJ American Society of Plumbing Engineers, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers and the Mechanical Contractors Association Joint Meeting
January 9, 2002, Hilton, Woodbridge, New Jersey

Education Reform Organizing Conference/Leadership Committee, Newark Site Visit
January 17, 2002, Newark, New Jersey

Geothermal Heating and Cooling Course
January 21, 2002, Richard Stockton College, East Windsor, New Jersey

5th Southern Regional Abbott Provider Forum-Implementation of Abbott Preschool Program
January 23, 2002, Camden County Health Service Center, Blackwood, New Jersey

5th Northern Regional Abbott Provider Forum-Implementation of Abbott Preschool Program
January 24, 2002, Morris County Fire Fighters & Police Training Academy, Parsippany, New Jersey

Education Reform Organizing Conference/Leadership Committee-Camden Site Visit
January 24, 2002, Camden, New Jersey

Construction Trade Training Program-Women and Minorities Technical Assistance Workshop
January 25, 2002, County Superintendent's Office, Sewell, New Jersey

Hunterdon/Warren Association of School Business Officials-EDA Grant Financing
January 29, 2002, Asbury, New Jersey

NJ Business and Industry Association: Building Schools-the Next Steps in the School Construction Program
January 29, 2002, Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, New Jersey

5th Central Regional Abbott Provider Forum-Implementation of the Abbott Preschool Program
January 29, 2002, Burlington County Office of Human Services, Westhampton, New Jersey

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