



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Larry Hanover
Public Information Officer

DATE: February 16, 2007

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
January Progress Report

Mission Statement

Create a brighter future for our children by renovating, building and funding cost-effective and efficient state-of-the-art community schools that support high quality learning environments to better prepare students for successful careers and leadership in the 21st Century in New Jersey and beyond.

Partner with communities and leaders in business, education and government to support our programs, policies and projects to create greater opportunities for our children, businesses and workforce.

Introduction

In January, the SCC Board approved a construction contract for a school in West New York – the fifth new school the SCC has generated for the Hudson County community.

Also in January, the SCC sought input from outside stakeholders and SCC staff members in finalizing a revised 21st Century Design Manual aimed at streamlining standards and establishing an effective, sustainable approach to building schools.

Meanwhile, CEO Scott Weiner dispelled any notion the SCC would have to shut down unless additional funding is forthcoming from the Legislature.

"The SCC will not be shutting its doors if the Legislature does not approve our additional funding," Weiner stated. "We currently have 32 projects in construction. Our financial forecasting shows us that we have enough money to complete those projects, and based on their substantial completion dates, that's activity for at least another two years. In addition, we'll have enough money to completely construct some additional projects in the Capital Plan and to bring all of the projects to a logical stopping point, so they can be restarted when additional funding is available."



SCC Awards Contract for West New York School No. 3 It Will Ease Overcrowding, Provide Early Childhood Education

The SCC Board of Directors awarded a \$38.2 million construction contract January 24th to Prismatic Development Corp. of Fairfield, N.J., for the new West New York School No. 3 to provide 21st century educational opportunities for 705 students in pre-kindergarten through 6th grades. The new school will replace the existing, aging Public School No. 3, help ease district overcrowding and provide much-needed early childhood educational programs for 3- and 4-year-old children in the Hudson County community.

This is the latest SCC school project for West New York. The first project was the new West New York Middle School, opened in 2004. School No. 4 is due for completion this spring, and two other school projects are due to go out to construction bid this spring.

The new 110,000-square-foot facility will include 35 general classrooms, an art room, music rooms, technology lab and two science labs. It will also feature a full-service cafeteria, auditorium, two computer rooms, a media center/library, gym, six small group instruction rooms and occupational therapy rooms. There will be administrative offices, a conference room, faculty work area, nurse station, speech therapist room, guidance counselor offices, parent liaison office, social worker offices and security staff as well.

The project entails the demolition of four existing structures and the installation of pile foundations. Demolition is expected to start this spring, with the construction of the new school to begin by summer. The new school is expected to open to students by September 2009. Once the new school opens, the old Public School No. 3 will be used for students from other West New York schools as those buildings undergo much-needed renovations. Gruzen Samton Architects is the design firm for the new West New York School No. 3. Turner Construction Company is managing the project for the SCC.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

As of January 31, 2007, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,955,292,108 since its inception in 2002.

Contractor Procurement

A construction bid was advertised in January for a school project in Newark. (Exhibit A)

School District Grants

From its inception in 2002 through January 31, 2007, the SCC has executed 2,555 Section 15 grant agreements in all 21 counties with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. To date, 1,429 schools in 472 districts have been impacted by the Section 15 grant program. Total project costs amount to \$7,111,907,568 for which the state share totals \$2,206,690,990.

Office of Contractor And Workforce Compliance

The SCC Office of Contractor and Workforce Compliance is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of construction opportunities for small, women, and minority-owned businesses, and to individuals and their families in New Jersey.

In some instances this means working with other State agencies and departments to serve the SCC's target population. In others, it is working with SCC project management firms (PMF) and other internal SCC divisions to encourage business opportunities and equal employment opportunities in the school construction program. The Office encourages firms that do business with the SCC to support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. At every opportunity, the Office endeavors to promote the use of New Jersey's diverse business and workforce communities on SCC projects. Further programmatic information is available on the SCC website.



Conferences/Presentations

SCC Public Forum on 21st Century Design Manual, 1/11/2007, New Brunswick

Construction Financial Management Association & American Subcontractor Association Annual Meeting, 1/25/07, Mountaintop

Abbott Mobilization Summit, 1/27/07, Paterson

OSHA Alliance Signing Ceremony, 1/31/07, Trenton

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Attachments

Construction Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of February 28, 2007

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Exhibit A