

## June 2002 Monthly Report

### Introduction

School is out, and EDA is taking advantage of vacant classrooms to perform health and safety repair work in Abbott district schools. We now have executed 102 architect contracts for health and safety repair design, for a total of \$47.3 million. Ninety-one health and safety construction contracts have been signed, worth \$70 million in construction costs.

New construction is also in design: we have taken assignment of 36 existing architect contracts worth \$43 million for the design of new facilities.

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#### I. Procurement of Regional Project Management Firms

On June 17, 2002, the Authority issued a Request for Proposals seeking the services of project management firms (PMF) to provide project and construction management services for school facilities projects in each of ten (10) regions in the State. A list of the ten regions and the school districts included in each region is attached as [Exhibit A](#) (PDF).

The RFP provides for the assignment of up to \$2.7 billion in new construction and major renovations over a three-year period. A mandatory pre-proposal conference for firms wishing to submit proposals was held on June 21, 2002. Proposals consisting of a technical proposal and fee proposal are due by July 17, 2002. Interviews may be conducted at the option of the Authority. Following the interview process, if any, the Authority will negotiate with the firm having the highest final technical ranking for each region in order to procure the required services.

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#### II. Construction Update

##### A. **Construction Projects Underway**

Construction contracts were executed and notices-to-proceed were issued for five packages of health and safety construction projects during June. These projects are for a total of \$6.85 million and involve 12 schools in four Abbott school districts.

##### B. **Construction Awards**

17 Notice of Awards were issued for projects in 67 schools in six Abbott school districts. The estimated construction costs for these projects is \$70.7 million.

**Together with the construction projects initiated in June, the total value of construction underway (or completed) thus far totals \$112.3 million.**

##### C. **Public Outreach**

As school let out in June, educators took the opportunity to attend conferences on school facility planning. EDA made presentations at two such conferences: the National Coalition for Our Children's Schools held a national conference in Washington, D.C. on June 23rd, at which EDA presented a program on planning for community schools. On June 27th, EDA was included on a panel discussing "high performance schools," a concept that promotes energy efficiency, sustainability, and design for learning.

**D. *Three RFP's for consultant services issued***

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for assistance in developing protocols for the inclusion of schools under Project Labor Agreements was published on June 7th, with a mandatory bid conference held on June 20th. Proposals are due on July 8th. The successful proposal will include a data collection and analysis that will assist EDA in evaluating the cost effectiveness of Project Labor Agreements.

An RFP seeking proposals from firms interested in serving as Project Managers of school projects in ten newly-designated regions was published on June 14. The mandatory pre-bid conference was held on June 21st, and proposals are due on July 9th. This RFP will provide the 25 Abbott districts currently without project management firms (PMFs) for new construction with those firms.

A third RFP was published on June 21st seeking consultants to perform contractor training services. The mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on July 2nd, and proposals are due July 18th. This training will be offered to small contractors in Abbott districts, and should serve to increase the pool of qualified minority and woman-owned construction business enterprises available to bid for EDA school projects.

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**III. *Affirmative Action***

Last month, we reported to you the program's success at meeting set aside goals for contractors (of the construction contracts awarded to date, 29.66% have been designated for firms certified as women and minority businesses) and design consultants (the overall minority business participation is 12.11% and overall women business participation is 5.23%). The State's participation goal is 7% minority-owned business and 3% women-owned business. Part of this success is attributable to the pro-active participation of our Affirmative Action staff, and that staff added an Outreach Officer in June which will enhance our ability to maintain these participation numbers.

***Affirmative Action Regulations***

The EDA's Regulations on Affirmative Action and Set-Asides are provided in this month's package for Board approval. Representatives of the Abbott facilities sub-committee on operations met with Executive Director Franzini and other EDA staff in June and provided further input on the regulations. Staff requests your approval of the regulations as presented herein.

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**IV. *Design Update*****A. *Procurement of Design Professionals***

We now have executed 102 architect contracts for health and safety repair design, for a total of \$47.3 million.

**B. *Architect Assignments***

We have taken assignment of a cumulative total of 36 existing architect contracts worth \$43 million for the design of new facilities.

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**V. *Predevelopment and Land Acquisition******Property Acquisitions***

We now have a cumulative total of \$5,608,902 worth of site acquisition activity under contract, for site feasibility investigations, title research, and purchase.

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## VI. Conferences/Presentations

Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) Annual Educational Conference & Membership Meeting  
June 2-5, 2002, Burlington, VT

Paterson Public Schools Ward Community Forum hosted by local community organization in cooperation with the Paterson Coalition for Our Children's Schools  
June 3, 2002, PS#25, 287 Trenton Avenue, Paterson, NJ

New Jersey School Boards Association - Spring School Law Forum  
June 5, 2002, Doral Forrestal, Princeton, NJ

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional School District - Tour of Park Middle School  
June 6, 2002, Park Middle School, Union NJ

Central New Jersey Contractor Assistance Program (for small, emerging contractors) interested in growth, professionalism and opportunity  
The course ran from June 8th, 15th, 22nd and 27th, Trenton Central High School, Trenton, NJ

South Jersey Contractor Assistance Program (for small, emerging contractors) interested in growth, professionalism and opportunity  
The course ran from June 8th, 15th, 22nd and 27th, Camden High School, Baird & Park Boulevards, Camden, NJ

Ground Breaking Ceremony: Ocean City High School  
June 11, 2002, Ocean City High School, Ocean City, NJ

The National Forum of the Coalition for Community Schools "Community Schools Work!" Sponsored by the Coalition for Community Schools  
June 23-25, 2002, The Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, Washington, DC

Camden County East National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Minority Contractors Forum  
June 25, 2002, Melanga Café, 1601 Chapel Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Building Energy 2002 and the Mid-Atlantic Sustainability Conference: Energy, Buildings, and the Bottom Line, Sponsored by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA)  
June 26-29, 2002, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

NJ Affirmative Action Officers' Council - 20th Annual Training Workshop & Paul Smith Scholarship Luncheon  
June 28, 2002, Masonic Temple, Trenton, NJ

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