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Christie Administration Announces Award of Contract and Start of Work for New Elliott Street Elementary School in Newark

TRENTON, NJ – The Christie Administration today announced the award of a contract and start of the work to replace the Elliott Street Elementary School in Newark. The Elliott Street Elementary School project will provide a new 138,000 square-foot facility designed to educate 848 students in Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grades. The new building will include general classrooms, a media center, multi-purpose room, cafetorium and gymnasium. The new school will be located on the site of the former school on Elliott Street surrounded by Summer Avenue and Grafton Avenue.

“The Christie Administration is thrilled to add the Elliott Street Elementary School project to its roster of active projects,” said Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Marc Larkins. “Governor Christie is committed to ensuring that the school construction program meets its obligations to the students of New Jersey.”

"Today's announcement is great news for the City of Newark. I look forward to seeing shovels in the ground on a new state-of-the-art facility in the community that our children, parents and teaching staff deserve," said Senator M. Teresa Ruiz (D-Essex). "I want to thank the Governor, the Schools Development Authority and the Newark Public Schools for their work on this project. And I especially want to thank the Elliott Street School administration, staff, students and families for all of their efforts and patience throughout this process."

Hall Construction Company, Inc. of Farmingdale, New Jersey was awarded a \$38 million Design-Build contract in April 2013, for the design and construction of the new school. As part of the Design-Build contract, Hall Construction Company, Inc. will work with Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor Engineering, PC of Warren, New Jersey on the design. The total estimated project costs are \$46.7 million.

In an effort to utilize practices that have previously proven successful by the SDA, the Elliott Street Elementary School is being constructed using a Design-Build approach, with the SDA Kit-of-Parts as its foundation. The Design-Build method differs from the traditional approach by allowing for some design and construction activities to proceed concurrently through phased advancement.

The original facility was struck by lightning and had a serious fire in July 2006. The resulting damage led to the immediate condemnation of the building by the city of Newark and the subsequent demolition of the facility by the SDA. Construction activities are forecasted to begin before the end of 2013. The building is anticipated for student occupancy in September 2016.

This project was selected for advancement as part of the 2012 Capital Project Portfolio announced by Governor Christie. The SDA's Capital Program represents the Christie Administration's ongoing commitment to responsible advancement of projects through efficient and proper use of public funds, an objective prioritization of statewide educational needs, advancement of sound design and construction principles to bring increased accountability and eliminate wasteful spending.

Including the Elliott Street E.S. project, SDA's active projects in Newark alone represent more than \$195 million in total project costs. The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2

billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$100 million), emergent projects (\$50 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$604 million state share).

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