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Christie Administration Advances Addition/Alteration Projects at Two Elementary Schools in Bridgeton

TRENTON, NJ – The Christie Administration today announced a recent advertisement by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) for Design-Build services for additions and alterations to both the Buckshutem Road Elementary and Quarter Mile Lane Elementary Schools in Bridgeton.

“As the SDA advances these projects in Cumberland County, the Christie Administration remains committed to positively impacting schools across all areas of the state,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “Through ongoing collaboration with the Bridgeton School District and Department of Education (DOE), this advertisement represents the next steps in our efforts to alleviate the overcrowding that exists within the district.”

The Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School project includes construction of an approximately 91,030 square-foot addition comprised of a three-story classroom wing, a multi-purpose room, cafeteria and kitchen, a gymnasium and locker rooms. The existing facility will be renovated to provide Pre-kindergarten classrooms, offices, and other support facilities. This significant addition will provide more than 475 additional new seats, increasing the school’s capacity to 731 students in Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grades.

The Buckshutem Road Elementary School project will include the construction of an approximately 33,813 square foot one-story addition complete with classrooms, science labs, an art room, a gymnasium and locker rooms. SDA will renovate 7,200 square feet of the existing building, including conversion of the existing gymnasium to a media center and conversion of the existing media center to student services offices. This project will provide more than 175 additional new seats, increasing the capacity of the existing facility to 581 students in Kindergarten through eighth grades.

In an effort to utilize practices that have previously proven successful by the SDA, both projects will be constructed using a design-build approach. The design-build method differs from the traditional approach toward bidding projects by allowing the SDA to contract with one firm for both design and construction of school facilities projects. Because design-build allows for some design and construction activities to proceed concurrently, it can be a more efficient process. For more information on the Bridgeton Design-Build advertisement please visit:

http://www.njsda.gov/Business/CV/Projects/Projects_NW.asp.

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 (\$577 million state share).