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Schools Development Authority Authorizes the Start of Demolition Activities to Make Way for a New Camden High School

Trenton, NJ – The Schools Development Authority (SDA) today announced the issuance of a Notice to Proceed (NTP), authorizing the start of demolition activities at the Camden High School educational complex.

“Today’s issuance of a NTP allows SDA to move forward with the demolition activities needed to prepare the site for the construction of a new state-of-the-art Camden High School for the students of Camden,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “The students have already relocated from Camden High School to temporary space and it is incumbent on my organization to return them to a high-quality learning facility as swiftly as possible.”

The SDA awarded USA Environmental Management, Inc. of Philadelphia a \$6,682,000 contract to perform demolition and site preparation activities. The NTP issued today allows all work associated with the abatement and demolition of the entire 287,500 square foot school complex to proceed. The educational complex consists of the Main 1916 Building, the Annex Wing and three vocational wings. All demolition and associated site work is anticipated for completion in Fall 2018.

The SDA anticipates issuing an advertisement for design-build services for the new Camden High School in the first quarter of 2018. The new 242,000 square-foot school is anticipated to be ready for student occupancy in 2021.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$260 million in completed projects in Camden alone since the inception of the school construction program, including four new schools and one demonstration project as well as 58 other projects.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolios, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants.

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