



## Message from CEO Marc Larkins



The work of the SDA over the past year demonstrates that the State's school construction program is healthy and thriving. We continue to make significant progress on the advancement of projects announced in our [2011](#) and [2012](#) Capital Project Portfolios. We also have advanced our emergent projects at a pace not seen before by this program.

In the last 18 months, the SDA has awarded over \$300 million in construction contracts across the State and we anticipate that number will grow to over \$500 million dollars over the course of the next year. These awards have resulted in the start of construction on nearly all of the projects announced in 2011 and also reached the projects included in our 2012 portfolio. For instance, we have started construction on projects in Long Branch and New Brunswick, and will begin construction in Elizabeth and Passaic in the coming weeks. The SDA has even completed delivery of a project in this timeframe through creative partnership with the West New York School District, by purchasing and transferring a former parochial school in West New York. Of the [76 emergent projects](#) announced in 2012, the SDA has delegated 37 projects to local districts for management. The remaining emergent projects that are being managed by the SDA have advanced into construction, design, scope development or procurement for design or construction.

In March, I appeared before the Joint Committee on the Public Schools, Subcommittee on School Facilities and Construction to provide an update on the status of the school construction program. Appearances such as this allow a unique opportunity to detail the important work that the SDA is completing across the State, and also provides an opportunity to continue to work with the Legislature to explore ways to improve upon our successes.

The SDA appreciates the support and input from all of our stakeholders. We want you to know that we look forward to continuing to advance our mission efficiently and effectively thanks to the numerous reforms that have been instituted under the Christie Administration. We will continue to promote fiscal efficiency while delivering the facilities New Jersey's students need. I encourage you to review the [SDA's 2012 Annual Report](#) for a full understanding of our progress and achievements over this past year. We thank you for your partnership in ensuring the ongoing success of our school construction program.

## Christie Administration Announces Purchase of St. Joseph of the Palisades High School



*St. Joseph's High School*

In January, the SDA completed the [final purchase](#) of the former St. Joseph of the Palisades High School in West New York. The acquisition of the St. Joseph's building allowed the SDA to pursue a cost-effective alternative delivery

method to address overcrowding at Memorial High School in West New York, which was included as part of the 2012 Project Portfolio. The 127,113 square-foot facility was a former Catholic High School and includes 35 classrooms (including labs), a cafeteria, kitchen and auditorium/gymnasium. This property will be utilized by the District as a Freshman and Sophomore Academy that can accommodate 850 students. The acquired school provides more square footage than the original plans for the Memorial High School project would have provided. Additionally, the West New York School District can utilize the building immediately. Overall, this unique approach to addressing the needs of the District realizes more than \$40 million in savings for the State of New Jersey.

## Christie Administration Breaks Ground for New A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School



*Redshaw students at Groundbreaking*

SDA CEO Marc Larkins joined legislators, local officials and New Brunswick Public Schools officials to break ground on the new [A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School](#)

on March 21. The new Redshaw Elementary School is the first project under the Christie Administration to be constructed using a Design-Build approach. The Design-Build method differs from the traditional approach by allowing the SDA to contract with one firm for both design and construction of a school facilities project.

The new Redshaw Elementary School will be a 135,000 square-foot, two-story facility designed to educate approximately 900 students in pre-kindergarten through

fifth grades. The new school will include 46 general use classrooms, 12 classrooms for special education, basic skills and small group instruction, a cafeteria, a multipurpose room with stage, gymnasium, media center, art room and a music room. The contractor anticipates completion of the new school in time for the 2014-2015 school year.

## Construction Activities Continue for Two New School Projects

The SDA advanced construction activities for two projects from the 2011 Project Portfolio which will help to relieve overcrowding in Jersey City and Paterson.



*Demolition activities at ES 3*

On January 15, SDA and Jersey City Public Schools officials toured the [Elementary School 3](#) demolition site. The new Elementary

School 3 will be a 122,000 square-foot school designed to educate approximately 775 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. Demolition activities, conducted as part of the site preparation activities for the project, were completed in March 2013. The Design-Build phase of the project was advertised in late February 2013. Elementary School 3 will be the fourth new building constructed by the SDA in Jersey City.

On January 23, SDA and Paterson Public Schools officials joined local legislators and city officials to tour the ongoing demolition activities at the new [PS 16](#) construction site.



*Officials at PS 16 Demolition Event*

The PS 16 project will be constructed in two phases. Phase I work, consisting of the demolition of existing buildings on the three acre site, will prepare the land for the construction of a new 101,000 square-foot facility designed to educate approximately 650 students in kindergarten through eighth grades. Phase II, the Design-Build construction of the new school, is anticipated for advertisement during the 3rd Quarter of 2013. PS 16 will be the fifth new building constructed by the SDA in Paterson.

## Recent and Upcoming Project Activity

Since January, the SDA has advertised and awarded contracts for the following projects and proposals.

The following projects were recently advertised:

- Camden (Camden County) – HB Wilson Elementary School Demolition
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – ES #3 Design-Build
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – ES #3 Construction Manager Services
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – PS No. 20 Construction
- Newark (Essex County) – Elliott Street Elementary School Construction Manager Services
- Trenton (Mercer County) – Trenton Central High School Design Consultant Services

The following proposals are currently under review:

- Jersey City (Hudson County) – PS 3 & MS 4 Corrective Work
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – PS No. 20 Construction Manager Services
- Paterson (Passaic County) – Marshall Street Elementary School Construction Management
- Paterson (Passaic County) – Marshall Street Elementary School Construction

The following projects were recently awarded:

- East Orange (Essex County) - Ecole T. Louverture Elementary School Masonry Repairs Emergent Project
- Harrison (Hudson County) – Washington Elementary School Structural Repairs Emergent Project
- Newark (Essex County) – Alma Flagg HVAC Emergent Project
- Newark (Essex County) – Elliott Street Elementary School Design-Build
- Newark (Essex County) – Hawkins Street Elementary School Boiler Replacement Emergent Project
- Newark (Essex County) – Oliver Street Elementary School Design-Build
- Newark (Essex County) – Oliver Street Elementary School Construction Management
- Newark (Essex County) – Ridge Street Elementary School Boiler Replacement Emergent Project
- Newark (Essex County) – Sussex Avenue Elementary School Boiler Replacement Emergent Project
- Passaic (Passaic County) – Henry Street Elementary School Design-Build
- Phillipsburg (Warren County) – New High School Construction
- Trenton (Mercer County) – Trenton Central High School West HVAC Emergent Project

- West New York (Hudson County) – PS #1 Structural Repairs Emergent Project
- West New York (Hudson County) – PS #5 Structural Repairs Emergent Project

The following projects are anticipated for advertisement in Quarter 2 of 2013

- Bridgeton (Cumberland County) – Buckshutem Elementary School Design-Build
- Bridgeton (Cumberland County) – Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School Design-Build
- Keansburg (Monmouth County) – Caruso Elementary School Design-Build
- Newark (Essex County) – South Street Elementary School Early Site Package
- Vineland (Cumberland County) – Vineland High School South HVAC Emergent Project

## 17 Firms Graduate SDA's Third SMWBE Contractor Training Program



*2013 SMWBE Contractor Training Program Graduates*

In April, 17 Small, Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (SMWBE) throughout the State successfully completed the [SDA sponsored 2013 SMWBE Contractor Training Program](#). The program is comprised of eight weeks of seminars taught by SDA personnel and industry professionals.

Following a formal presentation of graduation certificates, the graduates had an opportunity to network with general contracting firms and representatives of organizations that can further benefit their growth. To date, 45 firms have successfully completed the SDA's SMWBE Contractor Training Program, designed to provide participants with valuable insight on how to do business with the SDA.

2013 SMWBE Contractor Training Program Graduates:

- Advanced Engineering Group, LLC of Princeton, Mercer
- Alimi Builders, Inc. of Wyckoff, Bergen
- Asphalt Restoration Enterprises, LLC of Tinton Falls, Monmouth
- BABS Engineering, PC of Union, Union
- CMI Architecture & Interior Design of Colonia, Middlesex



- Garden State Commercial Services, LLC of Rahway, Union
- Integrated Asset Management Services, LLC of Lumberton, Burlington
- JEM Contracting, LLC of Lakewood, Ocean
- Kapris, Inc. of Edison, Middlesex
- Lusotech, LLC of Newark, Essex
- Mardel Electrical Contractor, LLC of Montvale, Bergen
- MFS Consulting Engineers, LLC of South Plainfield, Middlesex
- North Star Construction of Newark, Essex
- Rahbari Geotechnical Engineering of Camden, Camden
- Rock Solid Construction of Newark, Essex
- Tripoint Construction & Mechanical, LLC of Cherry Hill, Camden
- Wolfe Painting, Inc. of Millville, Cumberland

Please visit our [website](#) for more information about the SMWBE Contractor Training Program and other small business programs and opportunities.

### **Earth Day in Neptune**

On April 22, SDA Chief of Staff Jason Ballard joined NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Neptune Township School District officials, students and staff at Summerfield Elementary School for an [Earth Day celebration](#).

Fourth and fifth grade students presented science lessons to younger students and gave tours of the school to the visiting dignitaries, during which they explained the many green features of the school. Summerfield Elementary

School, constructed using a design-build approach and opened to students in 2006, is New Jersey's first public school to receive the United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification.



*SDA, DEP and Neptune Township School District officials join students at Summerfield Elementary School*

### **Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant Program Update**

Since the resumption of the ROD grant program in May 2010, the SDA has executed 902 grants providing more than \$279 million to local districts and leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$644 million as of April 2013. This includes recent grant executions to Fairfield Township (Cumberland County) which received one grant totaling more than \$1 million, Haworth (Bergen County) which received one grant totaling \$246,552, North Plainfield Borough (Somerset County) which received four grants totaling \$724,751 and Washington Township (Gloucester County) which received eight grants totaling \$365,683. For a full listing of ROD Grant projects, click [here](#).

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