



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Scott Weiner
Transitional Chief Executive Officer

DATE: May 26, 2006

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
April Progress Report

Mission Statement

Create a brighter future for our children by renovating, building and funding cost-effective and efficient state-of-the-art community schools that support high quality learning environments to better prepare students for successful careers and leadership in the 21st Century in New Jersey and beyond.

Partner with communities and leaders in business, education and government to support our programs, policies and projects to create greater opportunities for our children, businesses and workforce.

Introduction

In April, the SCC executed 17 grants that impacted 17 schools in seven counties with 10 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. These Section 15 grants supported projects totaling more than \$5 million – with a state share totaling over \$2 million. Since its inception, SCC has executed 2,495 grants, providing over \$2.2 billion in funding aid impacting over 1,400 schools in 463 districts.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

As of April 30, 2006, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,598,448,026 since the inception of the program.

Contractor Procurement

Five construction bids were advertised in April for projects in Elizabeth, Neptune, Orange, Trenton and Vineland. (Exhibit A)

School District Grants

In April 2006, the SCC executed 17 Section 15 grants with 10 districts receiving less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The grants impacted 17 schools in seven counties throughout the State. Total project costs for these grants are \$5,340,860, which qualified for a state share totaling \$2,147,411. Several districts received multiple grant awards in April, including Brick Township School District in Ocean County, which will receive four grants totaling \$708,597 for school projects costing \$1,776,492.

From its inception in 2002 through April 30, 2006, the SCC has executed 2,495 Section 15 grant agreements in all 21 counties with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. Total project costs amount to \$7,094,926,921 for which the state share totaled \$2,200,895,186.

Office of Contractor And Workforce Compliance

The SCC Office of Contractor and Workforce Compliance is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of construction opportunities for small, women, and minority-owned businesses, and to individuals and their families in New Jersey. In some instances this means working with other State agencies and departments to serve our target population. In others, it is working with our project management firms (PMF) and other internal SCC divisions to encourage business opportunities and equal employment opportunities in the school construction program. The Office encourages firms that do business with the SCC to support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. At every opportunity, the Office endeavors to promote the use of New Jersey's diverse business and workforce communities on SCC projects. Further programmatic information is available on the SCC website.



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Attachment

