



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Kevin McElroy
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DATE: September 11, 2006

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
August 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

At a joint press conference in August at Martin Luther King, Jr./Thomas Jefferson School construction site in Trenton, representatives from the Trenton Board of Education (TBOE), the SCC and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reaffirmed their commitment to a settlement agreement reached in response to a TBOE lawsuit concerning the remediation of the site. Transitional CEO Scott Weiner said the SCC, in conformance with DEP, is committed to expediting the demolition, excavation, removal and construction activities at the site in order to open the new school in September 2009. Weiner expressed confidence that by working together, the SCC, TBOE and DEP would achieve that common goal. The agreement includes reimbursing the district for documented expenditures related to the project, including the cost of swing space used by the students during the construction process.

Also in August, the SCC awarded a contract to Hessert Corp. of Marlton to build the 72,300-square-foot Ronald W. Reagan Elementary School in Barnegat School District.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

As of August 31, 2006, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,734,459,347 since the inception of the school building program in 2002.

Contractor Procurement

A construction bid was advertised in August for one school project in Jersey City. (Exhibit A)

School District Grants

From its inception in 2002 through August 31, 2006, the SCC has executed 2,532 Section 15 grant agreements in all 21 counties with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. To date, 1,423 schools in 471 districts have been impacted by the Section 15 grant program. Total project costs amount to \$7,107,910,931 for which the state share totaled \$2,204,166,020.

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

