



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Peter E. Maricondo
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
November 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

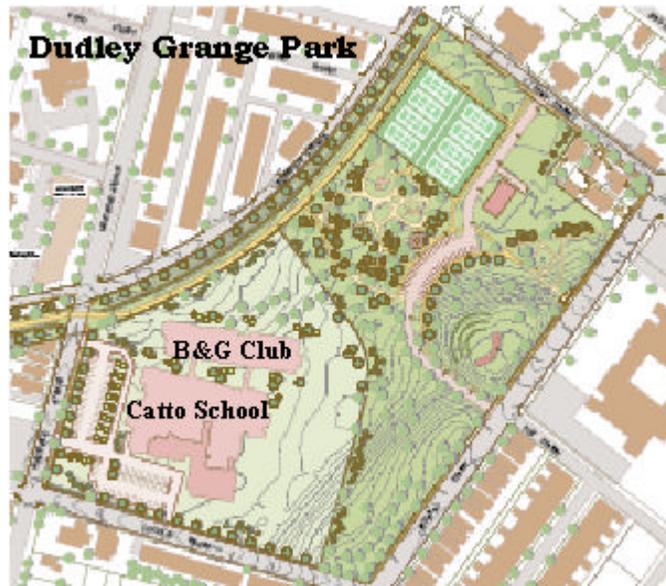
The SCC program highlights in November included a groundbreaking for Camden's new Catto Community School and Boys & Girls Club of Camden County, the fourth of six state Demonstration Projects to get under way since May. There were ribbon-cuttings for a new Long Branch middle school and the expansion of an elementary school in Neptune, and the SCC held its second SBE Expo to increase participation of small, minority and women-owned businesses in its school building program. Also in November, the SCC executed 57 Section 15 grants that impacted 48 schools in 11 counties with 21 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. These grants supported projects totaling nearly \$68 million – with a state share totaling nearly \$22 million.

Since inception, SCC has committed support to over 2,700 school construction projects at nearly 1,800 schools. Currently, SCC has 31 new school projects completed, 69 under construction and another 59 in the pipeline. SCC is building early childhood education centers, launching school-based community revitalization efforts and strengthening the economy by creating job and business opportunities for companies large and small.



New School Demonstration Project Breaks Ground in Camden

Acting Governor Richard J. Codey joined City of Camden school officials and community leaders for a groundbreaking ceremony November 7th marking the start of construction on the new Octavius V. Catto Community School and the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County – key components of a state demonstration project designed to anchor revitalization efforts in the city’s East Camden neighborhood. The Catto School is one of six state-approved demonstration projects where schools are designed to act as catalysts for community development to attract new housing and retail opportunities. The SCC is funding the school component of the \$70 million project.





Neptune Township District Celebrates Expansion Of 500-Student Green Grove Elementary School

Neptune Township School District and SCC representatives dedicated a newly completed addition and renovations to Green Grove Elementary School on November 17th. Students, parents, teachers and community leaders attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony and toured the facility, part of a district-wide expansion program in this Monmouth County town.

The new 21,700-square-foot addition to the school on Green Grove Road includes classrooms, a cafetorium and a gym. Renovations to an existing 36,000-square-foot area include new ceilings, lighting and air-conditioning. The expanded facility accommodates 530 students in Kindergarten through 5th grades. The \$10 million project was funded and managed by the SCC.

David Crutcher, SCC Communications Director, praised the many dedicated people who worked hard to make this project a reality, including members of the Neptune Board of Education, former Superintendent Michael Lake, current Superintendent David Mooij and Mayor Thomas Catley.

The project was designed by SSP Architectural Group of Somerville and built by Imperial Construction Group of Elizabeth. Gilbane managed the project for the SCC.

Officials said the project marked another major step toward completing plans to renovate and expand every school facility within the district and build two new schools. SCC projects already completed in the district's \$200 million five-year plan include Neptune Middle School, Gables Elementary School, Neptune Early Childhood Center, Neptune High School Annex and Shark River Hills Elementary School.



SCC Holds 2nd Annual Exposition to Bolster Participation Of Small Businesses in School Construction Program

New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) held its 2nd Annual Small Business Enterprise Exposition November 21st to showcase work opportunities available to small, minority- and women-owned businesses through the state school construction program.

Over 300 SBE representatives attended the free event, which featured panel discussions on SCC practices, prequalification process, training and business initiatives. It offered networking with prime contractors, qualified vendors and building trades experts to show SBEs how to grow their businesses and participate in larger construction projects of the SCC and other state agencies.

“We hope you – the small, minority- and women-owned businesses – take full advantage of everything this Expo has to offer. The best way to learn how to take part in, and perhaps manage, multi-million dollar contracts is to deal first-hand with those who do it every day,” Peter E. Maricondo, SCC Acting Chief Executive Officer, told the SBE representatives who attended the five-hour session at the New Jersey Convention Center Expo Hall in Edison.

“Our program is not just about building schools. It’s also about creating job opportunities. The SCC has been working hard over the past three years to create programs that will help small, minority- and women-owned businesses participate and grow,” said Kellie Drakeford, Managing Director of SCC Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs. Other speakers included Peter C. Harvey, New Jersey Attorney



General; Regena L. Thomas, New Jersey Secretary of State, A.J. Sabath, Commissioner of New Jersey Labor and Workforce Development; and Nina Mosely, Director of Business Services & Urban Programs at New Jersey Commerce, Economic Growth & Tourism Commission. Also, participating agencies included Surety Bond Associates, Contractor Solutions and Construction Project Management Services.

Topics in the panel discussions included: prequalification, registration and classification; project labor agreements, workforce compliance and prevailing wage; contractor training; SCC contract procurement and administration; and SCC initiatives and procedures.



Long Branch Educators, SCC Celebrate New Middle School

Long Branch students joined teachers, school district officials, community leaders and New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) representatives in an Open House and ribbon-cutting ceremony November 30th for the new \$50 million Long Branch Middle School. Tours of the new school were held following the ceremony.

The facility – the second new school to open here this year – is part of Long Branch’s district-wide expansion program that SCC is fully funding and managing.

The new 247,000-square-foot, 3-story school accommodates 1,100 students in 6th through 8th grades. The project, built on the existing high school/middle school campus at Bath and Indiana avenues, includes 68 classrooms, a media center and 12 science labs. It features a geo-thermal heating/cooling well system, which permits the school to be more energy efficient and more environmentally friendly. The school also is designed to serve as a Red Cross emergency shelter for this Monmouth County community and surrounding area.

Joseph M. Ferraina, Superintendent of Schools, said, "This is an amazing time in the history of Long Branch Public Schools. This year we opened two new schools and will have two more new schools opening within two years." He noted the first – the Amerigo

A. Anastasia Elementary School on Seventh Avenue – opened to students in September. It also was used during July and August for the district’s Summer Enrichment Camp.

"This type of new school construction will never take place again in the history of Long Branch," added Ferraina. "We need to thank the Governor and his predecessors for their vision in funding urban school districts. The SCC has done a wonderful job in Long Branch overseeing the construction of these new schools."



Long Branch MS Chorus

Kellie Drakeford, Managing Director of SCC Office of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs, said, “The SCC is proud to play a part in this project, and is appreciative of the extraordinary support received from the Long Branch school district and many, many others. Together, we have built something truly memorable – not merely a building of bricks and mortar, but a very, very bright tomorrow for the children of Long Branch.”

Construction on the project began in late August 2003. The design firm is the alliance of Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture/Engineering and DCM Architecture Inc. Skanska USA Building Inc. is the general contractor and Gilbane managed the project for SCC.

Henry Hudson Regional High School Dedicates Expansion

Local, state and school officials on November 17th dedicated an addition and renovations to Henry Hudson Regional High School in Highlands, Monmouth County. Following a ceremonial ribbon cutting, there was an Open House and tour of the expanded facility. The SCC funded \$4.3 million toward the \$14.6 million construction costs.

The project involved new construction of a 26,200 square-foot addition to the 475-student high school at One Grand Tour. It includes two science labs with a shared prep room, one science demonstration room, a cafetorium with stage, a serving kitchen, faculty dining area and new media center. Presently, there are 34 classrooms. The renovations included the reconfiguration of classroom space, refurbishing of the music room, replacement of the fire alarm system, upgrades of the HVAC and security system.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

SCC awarded three construction packages in three districts during November for combined construction cost estimates totaling \$2,118,000. These awards involve schools in the Elizabeth, Long Branch and Plainfield districts. (Exhibit A)

As of November 30, 2005, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,516,999,276 since the inception of the program.

Contractor Procurement

SCC advertised 11 construction packages in November impacting schools in Emerson, Egg Harbor, Neptune New Brunswick, Paterson and Phillipsburg districts. (Exhibit B)

One design bid was advertised for a school project in Newark. (Exhibit C)

School District Grants

In November 2005, the SCC executed 57 Section 15 grants with 22 districts receiving less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The grants impacted 48 schools in 11 counties throughout the State. The total project costs for these grants are \$67,936,104, which qualified for a state share totaling \$22,056,160.

Several districts received multiple grant awards in November, including Westampton Township District in Burlington County, which will receive grants for 2 school projects costing \$10,132,553 with a state share of \$3,588,548. Multiple grants also were received by districts in Bergen, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem and Somerset counties.

From its inception in 2002 through November 30, 2005, the SCC has executed 2,387 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 \$6,985,162,494, for which the state share totaled \$2,164,811,204. In 2005 alone, 195 districts in 21 counties have been earmarked for \$524,371,502 in direct property tax relief as the state share of project costs that totaled \$1,623,753,426.

Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government And Community Affairs

The Schools Construction Corporation Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs 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 Division encourages firms that do business with the SCC to support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. At every opportunity, the Division 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 at www.njscc.com.

Conferences/Presentations

Surety Underwriters Association of NJ Meeting, 11/3/2005, Florham Park

NJ League of Municipalities Conference 11/15-18/2005, Atlantic City

Green Grove Elementary School Dedication Ceremony, 11/17/2005, Neptune

Henry Hudson Regional High School Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, 11/17/2005, Highlands

SCC 2nd Annual Small Business Enterprise Expo 11/21/2005, Edison

Long Branch Middle School Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, 11/30/2005, Long Branch

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Attachments

Construction Award Status Report

<u>District</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Contract Award</u>	<u>Notice to Proceed</u>
Plainfield	Clinton ES	Supply and install network computers.	\$398,162.00	11/10/2005
Elizabeth	New PreK-8 School #29	Computer and related equipment for Elizabeth School #29.	\$586,717.00	11/17/2005
Long Branch	New MS (Long Branch MS Replacement)	New 246,000 SF Middle School, built on existing Middle School and High School campus. New school includes full service kitchen, auditorium, gym, labs and classrooms.	\$1,465,000.00	11/23/2005

