

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Authority

FROM: Larry Hanover, Senior Public Information Manager

DATE: November 24, 2008

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA)
November Progress Report

Introduction:

The Board of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) voted November 6 to appoint Commissioner Kris Kolluri of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) as its Chief Executive Officer. Kolluri's appointment will have taken effect on December 1, one day prior to the SDA's monthly Board meeting. Kolluri succeeds Scott Weiner, SDA's CEO since February 2006.

Barry Zubrow, Chairman of the SDA Board, remarked, "We are honored and thrilled to have someone of Kris' caliber, background and management experience join the SDA as we embark on the next critically important phase of schools development. Our next CEO's mission is to deliver the most effective and efficient schools construction program possible while maintaining, and improving upon, the controls implemented under Scott Weiner. We believe Kris will provide excellent direction for the organization and the highest accountability for the funds with which we are entrusted."

Kolluri said, "I am honored to be appointed CEO of the Schools Development Authority, and I am eager to fulfill the important mission of providing school infrastructure for the State's children. I thank Governor Corzine, Chairman Zubrow and the SDA Board for trusting me to lead this agency. Investing in infrastructure through SDA will stimulate the economy at this critical time for New Jersey."

Kolluri joins the SDA after serving as NJDOT Commissioner since March 13, 2006. In that capacity, Kolluri also served as Chairman of NJ TRANSIT, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the South Jersey Transportation Authority, overseeing a total of 17,000 employees, more than \$3.6 billion in capital funds and over \$2 billion in operating funds.

Under his leadership, NJDOT increased its efficiency and consolidated New Jersey's transportation agencies to create a seamless statewide transportation network. As NJ TRANSIT Board Chairman, Kolluri championed the largest mass transit capital program in State history. NJDOT for the first time created a Ten-Year Capital Program that

identified long-term infrastructure needs and developed a sustained investment strategy that will maintain and improve our transit and roadway networks. NJDOT also provided a comprehensive capital investment analysis in order to ensure the continued safety of New Jersey's bridges. In addition, Kolluri developed new regulations pertaining to truck access and goods movement.

Kolluri previously served as Chief of Staff as well as Assistant Commissioner of Intergovernmental Relations for NJDOT. He served as counselor to the Commissioner and managed the development and implementation of the department's legislative and regulatory policies and communications strategies.

Before working in state government, Kolluri held a variety of top positions in Congressional offices. Most recently, he served as a Senior Policy Adviser to House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt, heading the Member Support Program, which was established to help freshman Members of Congress design and implement long-term strategic initiatives. In 1998, Kolluri was tapped to be special adviser to Congressman Gephardt on India and Indian-American affairs. Before he worked for Congressman Gephardt, Kolluri served as Congressman Robert E. Andrews' Legislative Director and his principal staffer on the International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.

Kolluri received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Marketing from Rutgers University, a Master's degree in International Business from Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from Georgetown University. The 39-year-old lives in West Windsor with his wife and two daughters.

Weiner praised Kolluri's selection, saying, "I am extremely pleased to be followed by a person of Kris' caliber. His accomplishments speak for themselves, and I feel he will do a tremendous job of providing safe, modern schools for the students of New Jersey."

Zubrow also thanked Weiner for "the terrific work he has done at the SDA and for his leadership as we overhauled this agency."

"Under Scott's direction," Zubrow noted, "the SDA underwent a complete transformation, including complete accountability for project budgets, spending and completion. He also recruited a highly qualified senior management team that is capable of executing the breadth of projects the agency has undertaken. It has been an honor to have had Scott as a partner in this effort."

SDA Events:

- Jerry Murphy, SDA COO/VP for Project Management, spoke at the Alliance for Action's 24th annual **Construction Forecast Seminar** in Trenton on November 6. The event focused on construction ready to go out to bid in 2009 and 2010.

Upcoming Events:

- December 3: **School Facilities and Construction Subcommittee Hearing**, Newark. CEO Kris Kolluri and predecessor Scott Weiner will testify on the SDA Biannual Report on the School Facilities Construction Program. The hearing will be held at the new Newark Central High School.
- December 3: **Hudson County School Board Fall Meeting**, Jersey City. Tom Schrum, SDA Managing Director of Real Estate Services, will participate in a discussion on the legal ramifications of land acquisition and what school districts can – and cannot – build through the school construction funding bill.

Construction Update:

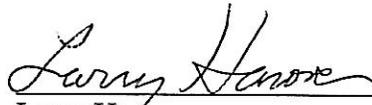
The SDA currently has **18** active construction projects in SDA (formerly Abbott) Districts, **3** active Demonstration Projects and **7** ongoing projects in Regular Operating Districts (ROD). Overall the SDA has completed **585 projects**: **44** new schools; **41** extensive additions, renovations and/or rehabilitations; **21** other rehabilitation projects; **354** health and safety projects; **122** SDA District grant projects; and **3** demonstration projects in SDA Districts. In addition, **19** ROD projects managed by the SDA have been completed. The program also has distributed \$2.2 billion in grants, impacting more than **1,400** suburban ROD schools statewide.

Contractor Procurement:

A construction bid was advertised in November for a school project in **Plainfield**. (Exhibit A)

Construction Contracts:

As of November 21, 2008, the Authority has entered into construction contracts totaling **\$3,525,243,436.74** since the inception of the school construction program in 2002.


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