



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: John F. Spencer  
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: November 24, 2004

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation  
October Progress Report

### **Introduction**

New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) continued to make great strides in the month of October toward rebuilding the educational infrastructure of our state. SCC continued to mark school openings in districts throughout New Jersey.

Success also continued to be realized in the areas of procurement and contract administration. The SCC executed 50 Section 15 grant agreements in 12 counties with 19 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid for total project amounts of \$20,407,656, for which the state share totaled \$6,708,025. There was an unprecedented procurement activity during October as 54 construction bid packages were advertised for work in 14 school districts, much of which was geared to providing programmatic opportunities for small businesses.

### **SCC Unveils New Website**

*Informs NJ Residents on School Projects,  
Helps Businesses Participate in Program, Highlights Results*

SCC has a new and improved website, to keep state residents, the construction industry, district personnel, parents and students informed about new school projects statewide. The improvements also serve and enhance efforts to support businesses looking to participate in the state's unprecedented school building program.

As SCC continues to make significant progress in our efforts to build 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools, it is the agency's goal to include all of New Jersey as a partner in this progress. At the same time as our efforts in New Jersey's communities continue, we are looking for new and better ways to inform and include parents, students, educators, community leaders and businesses about the work we are doing for our children. Clearly, this new website is an important part of that effort.

There is an expanded, user-friendlier feature called “Visit My School” particularly geared toward parents, students, educators, and residents who are looking to find out more about the progress of new schools in their neighborhoods. Photos and slide shows detailing construction progress on schools give students and parents a closer look at the transformation of their local educational facilities. Frequently requested reports detailing health and safety work and other SCC efforts are prominently displayed on the front page of the “Visit My School” section.

Based on the input received from many of the SCC’s contractors and subcontractors, the Corporation has expanded the search capabilities of the website, as well as the types of forms available for those seeking to do business with the SCC.

**SCC, Garfield Educators Hold Dedication  
For New Garfield Early Childhood Learning Center**  
*State Fully Funded, Managed \$7.7 Million Community Pre-School*



SCC representatives joined Garfield School District educators, area officials and community supporters for the grand opening the new Garfield Early Childhood Learning Center – one of the first new schools completed by SCC in the City of Garfield. Young children, their families, and community residents will be the first to learn, thrive, and improve their quality of life in this state-of-the-art facility.

The event featured a ribbon cutting, open house and tours of the new 45,000-square-foot facility. It includes 24 pre-kindergarten classrooms, a commons area, a health suite and a multi-purpose cafetorium/gymnasium to provide 21<sup>st</sup> century educational opportunities for approximately 360 3- and 4-year-old students.



SCC provided \$7.7 million in funding and oversaw construction of the new school in the Bergen County municipality under New Jersey’s unprecedented school construction program. Built by Gale Construction Company and designed by MRM Architects, the Early Childhood Learning Center

features a shared specialized program space, the commons area, which is accessible to Garfield residents as a community meeting room after hours and on weekends.

## **Howell Township Educators Dedicate New Middle School**

*In Memory of Residents Killed on 9/11/01 and in Iraq War*



Also in October, Howell Township Public School officials, students, teachers and community supporters participated in a ceremony to dedicate the new Howell Township Memorial Middle School in memory of five residents who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and a local young soldier who was killed recently in the Iraq War.

The new Howell Township Memorial Middle School on Adelpia Road can accommodate up to 750 students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, although the current enrollment is 525. The school has 48 classrooms, including 6 science labs, a gymnasium, cafetorium, computer lab, instrumental and choral music areas and an art room.

The school, which opened September 2, is part of a \$32.4 million expansion program approved by referendum to alleviate district overcrowding. Last year, Howell Township opened two new facilities – Adelpia and Greenville elementary schools.

SCC provided \$14.2 million in funding toward the three projects as part of the State's unprecedented \$8.6 billion school construction program. In addition, the district received a \$1.2 million grant from the state Board of Public Utilities to support energy-efficient and solar technologies in the township schools.

Officials unveiled wall plaques honoring Army Cpl. Michael E. Curtin, a casualty of the war in Iraq, and the township's 9/11/01 victims, John Lennon, Alan Wisniewski, John Rhodes, Joseph Sacerdote and Colin McArthur. Many of their relatives attended the ceremony, which also featured a ribbon-cutting and a student musical performance.

## SCC, Perth Amboy Educators Hold Ribbon Cutting For New Ignacio Cruz Early Childhood Learning Center

*State Fully Funded, Managed \$15 Million Community Pre-School*



SCC representatives joined Perth Amboy School District educators, area officials and community supporters today for the grand opening the new Ignacio Cruz Early Childhood Learning Center – one of the first new schools completed by SCC in the City of Perth Amboy. Young children, their families, and community residents will be the first to learn, thrive, and improve their quality of life in this state-of-the-art facility.

The event featured a ribbon cutting, open house and tours of the new 65,000-square-foot facility. It includes 38 pre-kindergarten classrooms, speech room, health suite and a multi-purpose room to provide 21<sup>st</sup> century educational opportunities for approximately 550 3- and 4-year-old students.



*On behalf of Governor McGreevey, Jack Spencer, SCC CEO, presented a proclamation to Mrs. Ignacio Cruz, Sr., Joan Marie Maldony, School Principal and Superintendent John M. Rodecker.*

SCC provided \$15 million in funding and oversaw construction of the new school in the Middlesex County municipality under the New Jersey's unprecedented school construction program. Built by Turner Construction Company and designed by VITETTA, the Early Childhood Learning Center features shared specialized program spaces, such as the multi-purpose room, which are accessible to students and Perth Amboy residents alike.

The earliest years are the most important when it comes to how successful a child will be in life.

This Early Childhood Learning Center, as well as other similar facilities being built and opened around the state, will help provide the kind of environment where young people can learn and thrive as they prepare for success in school.



## **‘Beam Signing’ for Shark River Hills School Students** *Milestone for SCC’s \$8.2 Million Project in Neptune Twp.*



During the month of October, students participated in a “beam signing” to mark the progress of construction of an addition and renovations to Shark River Hills Elementary School as part of a major district-wide expansion program by Neptune Township School District and SCC.

SCC is fully funding and managing the \$8.2 million project at Shark River Hills School. Construction began in mid-January 2004. Completion is expected in February 2005.



Nearly 75 students – all 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are moving on to middle school next year – signed a steel beam that will become a permanent part of Shark River Hills School at 312 Brighton Avenue in Neptune Township. The project adds 9,685-square-foot of space to the existing 39,630-square-foot one-story building. The expansion will enlarge the school to 29 classrooms and enable the facility to accommodate 375 students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in.

The project includes eight new instructional areas, a gym and playground. Renovations include new ceilings and lighting, new classroom ventilators and air-conditioning.



*Michael T. Lake, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools signs the beam*

This is the school’s second expansion in three years. Health and Safety work also has been done, with upgrades to the fire alarm system, emergency lighting and exit signage.

Governor James E. McGreevey initiated SCC in July 2002 to streamline the building of much-needed quality schools throughout the State of New Jersey. The \$8.6 billion program is the largest public construction program ever undertaken by New Jersey and represents one of the largest programs of its type ever undertaken in the nation.

Other projects in Neptune Township being fully funded and managed by SCC include: the recently opened Neptune Early Childhood Center (\$7.4 million) and Neptune High School Annex (\$5.5 million); current expansion of Neptune High School (\$47 million); and the ongoing construction of Neptune Community School (\$31 million.)

## **Construction Update**

### **Construction Starts**

The SCC awarded 4 construction packages in the same number of districts during the month of October. The projects have combined construction bid amounts totaling \$40,025,626. These awards will involve 4 schools in various districts including: Garfield, Irvington, Camden and Bridgeton.

**As of October 31, 2004, the SCC has entered into 421 construction contracts that total \$1,988,086,957.**

### **Contractor Procurement**

The SCC advertised 54 construction packages for 14 school districts in the month of October. (Exhibit B.)

Design bids were sought for 3 schools in 3 districts in October as well. (Exhibit C.)

### **Design update**

**As of October 31, 2004, the SCC has entered into 265 design contracts with a total value of \$334,914,910, as well as assumed an additional 74 architectural assignments that totaled \$98,686,016.**

### **Predevelopment & Land Acquisition**

At the October Board meeting, the directors granted contingent approval for land acquisition to take place for several projects. One such approval was for a 4.9-acre tract for the New Irvington Middle School. The new school will be a 136,000 gross square foot facility that will serve 864 students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Another acquisition contingently approved at the Board's October meeting was for 10.4 acres in Plainfield. This property will be used for the Plainfield Middle School. The overall project involves a 104,370 square foot facility for a projected enrollment of 600 students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Directors also contingently approved acquisition of property in Camden, also for a new Junior High School. The site is adjacent to the Morgan Village Middle School and will for a replacement school that replace the outmoded facility and include play areas that the old facility did not have.

Similar approval was granted for property acquisition in Elizabeth. The new Elementary School #27 will be a 118,200 square foot Pre K-8 school designed to serve over 750 students.

**As of October 31, 2004 the SCC has entered into 1,222 site acquisition contracts for appraisals, site evaluations, environmental investigations, title services and actual acquisitions totaling \$254,147,484.**

### **School District Grants**

The SCC executed 50 Section 15 grants with 19 districts that receive less than 55% of their funding in state aid in October. The total project costs for these grants are expected to be \$20,407,656, with a state share anticipated to be worth \$6,708,025 of that total.

Several districts received multiple grant awards in October. Edison Township in Middlesex County will receive 16 grants for projects at its schools. The total projects costs are expected to be \$3,239,946, with a state share of \$1,295,979. The school district in Branchburg Township, Somerset County will receive \$573,044 toward 4 projects, worth \$1,432,611. Pinelands Regional School District in Ocean County will receive 4 grants for school construction with total project costs of \$863,625, of which the state will pay \$514,659.

**As of October 31, 2004, the SCC has executed 1,677 Section 15 grant agreements with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid for total project amounts of \$5,194,479,763, for which the state share totaled \$1,604,903,777. In 2004 alone, 161 districts in 20 counties received \$335,898,641 in direct property tax relief as the state share for projects that totaled \$1,099,225,987.**

### **Office of Diversity and Emerging Business Markets**

The SCC, through the Office of Diversity and Emerging Business Markets, continues to work aggressively to provide tools for small businesses to maximize their opportunities within New Jersey's \$8.6 billion school building program. The Office of Diversity is focused on helping small-, women- and minority-owned firms grow and become viable in the overall construction industry and the agency's commitment to having every SCC contract require 25% participation by small businesses enterprises. This includes not only contracts for construction and design, but also for goods and services. The bulk of the SCC's advertisements for contractor procurements this month were in fact to solicit bids on work within the small business enterprises (SBE) set aside program.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual K-12 Facilities Summit, 10/3-5/2004, Palm Springs

School Construction State House Day, 10/4/2004, Trenton

SCC Feasibility Meeting for Lincoln HS, 10/12/2004, Jersey City

New Jersey Alliance for Action Eagle Awards Dinner, 10/13/2004, New Brunswick

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Forum, 10/14/2004, Princeton

SCC Meeting on Early Childhood Center 14, 10/19/2004, Jersey City

NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Exposition & Workshop, 10/20-22/2004, AC

East Orange & City of Orange School Project Opportunities, 10/20/2004, AC

Community Outreach Meeting – New Roebling School, 10/21/2004, Trenton

Building Contractors Association of NJ, 10/22/2004, West Paterson

SCC Camden School Construction Conference, 10/23/2004, Camden

OSHA 500 “Train the Trainer”, 10/25/2004, Edison

NJBIZ Construction Industry Roundtable, 10/26/2004, New Brunswick

Morris County Association of School Business Officials, 10/28/2004, Rockaway

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Attachments

<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Work</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Award</u></b>	<b><u>Notice to Proceed</u></b>
Garfield	New Middle School	Construction of a new Middle School of approximately 178,000 GSF (Includes abatement and demolition of existing structures)	\$35,030,746.00	10/4/2004
Irvington	Florence Avenue E.S.	Interior fit out of select basement spaces and access thereto in order to accommodate Irvington Special Ed Counselors Offices	\$652,000.00	10/4/2004
Camden	H.B. Wilson ES Replacement	Demolition of 17 buildings, and related underground utilities, totaling approximately 57,500 s.f., consistent of twelve (12), two (2) story residential buildings and five (5), one (1) story, commercial/garage/storage buildings.	\$890,880.00	10/5/2004
Bridgeton	Bridgeton H.S. - (media center & elevator additions)	Addition of approximately 6,000 sq.ft. and renovation to existing Library as well as addition of an elevator.	\$3,452,000.00	10/12/2004

Exhibit A

**Construction Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of December 1, 2004**

Package #	District	Description of Work	# of Schools	Advertised Web Date	Advertised Newspaper Date	Bid Due Date
ST-0020-C01	Millville	Additions Alterations & Renovations	1	10/1/04	10/7/04	11/18/04
ES-0002-C03	East Orange	Langston Hughes ES	1	10/5/04	10/8/04	12/3/04
ES-0024-C01	Orange	Link w/ Elevator/Stair Tower & Abatement for Central ES	1	10/5/04	10/8/04	12/9/04
HU-0006-C01	West NY	PS No. 3 Playground Site Work	1	10/5/04	10/8/04	11/5/04
HU-0006-P01	West NY	Demolition of Existing structures to build new PS No. 3	1	10/5/04	10/8/04	11/5/04
HU-0007-C01	West NY	New PS #4	1	10/5/04	10/8/04	11/18/04
NT-0014-C02	Garfield	Most Holy Name E.S. #10	1	10/6/04	10/11/04	11/17/04
NE-0037-C01 RB1	Newark	Wilson Ave/West Kinney Emergent Project	2	10/7/04	10/13/04	11/7/04
PA-0008-C02	Paterson	International HS – GC Package #2	1	10/8/04	10/13/04	12/6/04
WT-0004-C03	Trenton	Trenton Central HS Acoustical Wall Panels at the G Addition	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	11/19/04
WT-0004-C04	Trenton	Trenton Central HS Athletic Equipment at the G Addition	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	11/19/04
WT-0004-C05	Trenton	Trenton Central HS Metal Gratings at the G Addition	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	11/19/04
WT-0004-C06	Trenton	Trenton Central HS Structural Steel at G and H Additions	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	11/22/04
WT-0004-C09	Trenton	Trenton Central HS Fencing	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	11/22/04
ES-0020-C01	East Orange	Site Improvements for Mildred Barry Garvin ES	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	12/2/04
ES-0020-C02	East Orange	Site Landscaping for Mildred Barry Garvin ES	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	12/2/04

ES-0020-C03	East Orange	Site Fence for Mildred Barry Gavin ES	1	10/8/04	10/15/04	12/3/04
PA-0019-C01	Paterson	Additions and Renovations to Sch. #24	1	10/13/04	10/18/04	11/30/04
NT-0022-C02	Hoboken	Wallace ES – Boilers	1	10/13/04	10/18/04	11/1/004
JE-0032-C01	Jersey City	Boiler Replacement and DHW System Upgrades	2	10/13/04	10/18/04	11/22/04
JE-0032-C02	Jersey City	Boiler Replacement and DHW System Upgrades	2	10/13/04	10/18/04	11/22/04
JE-0032-C03	Jersey City	Boiler Replacement and DHW System	2	10/13/04	10/18/04	11/19/04
EL-0008-C03	Elizabeth	Parking lot for School #30	1	10/13/04	10/19/04	11/17/04
WT-0004-C07 RB1	Trenton	Trenton Central HS Excavation/Backfill/Footings and Foundations at G & H Additions	1	10/13/04	10/19/04	11/23/04
NE-0015-C06	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/2/04
NE-0015-C07	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/2/04
NE-0015-C08	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/2/04
NE-0015-C09	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/3/04
NE-0016-C10	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/6/04
NE-0015-C11	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/3/04
NE-0015-C12	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/7/04
NE-0015-C13	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/6/04
NE-0015-C14	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/7/04
NE-0015-C15	Newark	McKinley Project	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	12/7/04
EL-0012-C03	Elizabeth	Sewer Relocation	1	10/20/04	10/25/04	11/30/04
WT-0004-C02 RB1	Trenton	Additions/Renovations	1	10/21/04	10/27/04	11/30/04
EL-0012-C04	Elizabeth	Raised Play Field & Parking	1	10/18/04	10/22/04	11/29/04
EL-0012-C05	Elizabeth	Site Demolition	1	10/18/04	10/22/04	11/29/04
HU-0012-P01	Union City	Demolition of Existing Columbus School and Convent	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	11/29/04
ES-0002-C04	East	Langston Hughes ES	1	10/18/04	10/22/04	12/7/04

Exhibit B

	Orange					
EL-0036-C01	Elizabeth	Stair Tower penthouse demo and replacement	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	12/1/04
EL-0028-P01	Elizabeth	Demolition	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	11/30/04
NE-0008-C01	Newark	Fencing	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	12/10/04
NE-0008-C02	Newark	Fencing	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	12/10/04
NE-0009-C01	Newark	Fencing	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	12/9/04
NE-0010-C01	Newark	Fencing	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	12/9/04
EL-0021-C01	Elizabeth	Plant Disconnect & Independent Services	1	10/18/04	10/21/04	12/3/04
NE-0015-C01	Newark	McKinley	1	10/19/04	10/22/04	12/6/04
NE-0015-C02	Newark	McKinley	1	10/19/04	10/22/04	12/1/04
NE-0015-C03	Newark	McKinley	1	10/19/04	10/22/04	12/1/04
NE-0015-C04	Newark	McKinley	1	10/19/04	10/22/04	12/1/04
NE-0015-C05	Newark	McKinley	1	10/19/04	10/22/04	12/1/04
ET-0049-P02	Plainfield	Emerson E.S.	1	10/29/04	10/3/04	12/8/04
ET-0018-C01	Plainfield	Plainfield H.S. Window Replacement	1	10/29/04	10/3/04	12/8/04

**Design Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of December 1, 2004**

Package #	District	Description of Work	# of Schools	Advertis ed Web Date	Advertised Newspaper Date	Form 200 Due_Date
JE-0034-A01	Jersey City	PS 34 Façade Repairs	1	10/8/04	N/A	1014/04
ET-0074-A01	Plainfield	Cook Elementary School	1	10/13/04	N/A	10/18/04
HU-0020-A01	Union City	New Union Hill High School	1	10/28/04	11/3/04	11/5/04