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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the Authority

FROM: Larry Hanover, Senior Public Information Manager

DATE: October 28, 2009

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

**Introduction:**

On October 5, having completed a month of September highlighted by the opening of 12 new, expanded or extensively modernized schools, Governor Jon S. Corzine and SDA CEO Kris Kolluri joined Phillipsburg Board of Education leaders and other state and local officials to break ground on the new Phillipsburg High School.

During the month, the SDA also highlighted the significant impact that New Jersey's school construction program is making in creating private-sector jobs under Governor Corzine. The SDA also hosted a roundtable with the Department of Transportation and the Economic Development Authority to discuss opportunities for small, minority- and women-owned business enterprises to work on SDA projects and inform them what work will be available for bid.

Regarding the Phillipsburg event, Governor Corzine said: "Today's groundbreaking is a significant milestone for Phillipsburg, marking the start of a long-awaited new high school that the students and faculty genuinely deserve. The need for a new high school here couldn't be more obvious with its portable classroom units that ultimately have become permanent fixtures. Once this building is completed, students will have access to the 21st Century technology and facilities that will pave the way for a brighter tomorrow."

The ceremony signaled the start of site preparations for the building of foundations to support the structure of the main high school, which will comprise 320,000 square feet of academic space. It will house more than 1,700 students upon completion in 2013. The new facility will replace the existing Phillipsburg High School, where overcrowding has caused the district to house students in 31 classroom trailers. Plans call for the present high school eventually to be converted into a middle school.

"Through projects like this, we will continue to support Governor Corzine's efforts to spur the economy through creating and saving jobs while delivering 21st century schools vital to the needs of New Jersey's students now and for their future," said Kolluri.

Work on the new \$174.4 million Phillipsburg High School is projected to create/save approximately 1,500 jobs over the duration of construction.

### **Other SDA Events:**

- **October 6: Minority- and Women-Owned Business Roundtable:** Officials from the SDA, Department of Transportation and Economic Development Authority held a roundtable discussion with representatives of minority- and women-owned businesses on upcoming state projects and available financing opportunities. In the 2008 annual report released by the Department of Treasury's Division of Minority and Women Business Development in February 2009, the SDA was listed as the leading agency in awarding contracts to MWBEs (Minority and Women Business Enterprise). It awarded \$713.2 million worth of contracts, representing 40.2 percent of the statewide total of \$1.77 billion. Kolluri said: "The SDA is committed to doing everything in its power to ensure that minority- and women-owned businesses can participate fully in Governor Corzine's school construction program." The SDA upgraded its Web site ([www.njsda.gov](http://www.njsda.gov)) to improve access for Small Business Enterprises, adding a home-page portal called Small Business Opportunities and a new listing entitled "Upcoming Contract Opportunities."
- **October 14: SDA Private-Sector Job Creation:** Kolluri toured the Roberto Clemente K-1 Center construction site in Paterson to highlight how New Jersey's school construction program is creating private-sector jobs under Governor Corzine. The school construction program is central to the state's effort to mitigate the effects of the national recession. The program created or saved 4,035 jobs in September, Kolluri announced at the event. These figures include the creation of 437 new private-sector jobs.
- **October 28-29: New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop 2009:** The SDA is participating as an exhibitor at Atlantic City Convention Center event. The major annual conference for New Jersey's local school board members and school administrators attracts thousands of school officials to hear national education experts and attend some of the 190 training and information sessions. Among the many program topics are school construction (including solar power), school-district budgeting and labor issues.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **October 30: SMWBE Contractor's Fair:** The SDA and Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ) are co-hosting a Contractor's Fair to help Small, Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises (SMWBEs) learn about working with the SDA and the general contractors involved in the state's school construction program. The SMWBE Contractor's Fair will provide information on the SDA's procurement process as well as about upcoming projects. The event is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the National Conference Center at the Holiday Inn at East Windsor.
- **November 5: Speech to New Jersey Alliance for Action:** The New Jersey Alliance for Action is hosting its 25th Annual Construction Forecast Seminar. The forecast will focus on construction ready to go to bid in 2010 and 2011. Deputy Director Eric Goldman will be the SDA's representative.
- **November 18: Speech to Burlington County Chamber of Commerce:** CEO Kolluri will speak regarding upcoming projects in Burlington County and opportunities for businesses to obtain work on SDA projects. The morning event will be at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Mount Laurel.
- **November 18: Speech to New Jersey State Bar Association:** CEO Kolluri and Vice President/Chief Counsel Janesa Urbano will speak at the New Jersey State Bar Association's Construction Section Meeting to discuss the SDA program. The evening event will be at Ventura's Restaurant in Voorhees.

### **Construction Update:**

Overall the SDA has completed 613 projects in SDA Districts. In addition to the 50 new schools; it has opened 44 extensive additions, renovations and/or rehabilitations; five demonstration projects and more than 500 other projects. Also, it has completed 22 projects in Regular Operating Districts: five new schools and 17 extensive additions, renovations and/or rehabilitations.

### **Contractor Procurement:**

Construction bids advertised in October included the new **George L. Catrambone Elementary School in Long Branch**, the new **Vineland Middle School No. 2 in Vineland** and the **New Early Childhood Center (SBE Set Aside) in Trenton** (Exhibit A).

### **Construction Contracts:**

As of October 26, 2009, the Authority has entered into construction contracts totaling \$3,656,762,261.78 since the inception of the school construction program in 2002.

### **Section 15 Grants**

As of October 27, 2009, the SDA this year has executed **273** Section 15 grant agreements in **20** counties impacting **199** schools in **108** Regular Operating Districts. In the month of October to date, the SDA executed **58** Section 15 grants in **14** counties impacting **40** schools in **27** districts. From its inception in 2002 through July 31, 2009, the SDA has executed **2,838** Section 15 grant agreements in all **21** counties. To date, **1,475** schools in **480** districts have been impacted by the Section 15 grant program. Total project costs amount to **\$7,204,822,417** for which the State share totals **\$2,255,698,777**.



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**Construction Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of October 26, 2009**

Package #	District	Description of Work	# of Schools	Advertised Web Date	Advertised Newspaper Date	Bid Due Date
ET-0068-CO1	Long Branch	New George L. Catrambone Elementary School	1	10/07/09	10/12/09	11/19/09
ST-0017-CO1	Vineland	Vineland Middle School #2	1	10/08/09	10/12/09	11/19/09
ST-0037-CO1	Trenton	SBE Set Aside – New Early Childhood Center	1	10/14/09	10/16/09	11/24/09

Exhibit A