



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Scott Weiner
Transitional Chief Executive Officer

DATE: April 26, 2006

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
March 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

In March, SCC celebrated the opening of a new elementary school and middle school in Jersey City, the expansion of a middle school in Millville and a groundbreaking for two new schools in Egg Harbor Township. The SCC executed 12 grants that impacted 11 schools in five counties with 9 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. These Section 15 grants supported projects totaling more than \$6 million – with a state share totaling over \$2 million. Since its inception, SCC has executed 2,482 grants, providing over \$2.2 billion in funding aid impacting 1,415 schools in 468 districts.

Also in March, Scott Weiner, Gov. Corzine's Special Counsel for School Construction, was named SCC Transitional Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Peter E. Maricondo, the agency's Chief Financial Officer who has served as the corporation's Acting CEO since last September. Weiner will continue in his role for Gov. Corzine and take on the added responsibility as Transitional CEO while the ongoing search for a permanent CEO is completed. Maricondo will resume his CFO duties full-time until his retirement in April. The changeover was announced by Chairman Barry Zubrow at the March 9th public meeting of the SCC board of directors.



SCC, Millville District Celebrate Expansion of Lakeside Middle School

Students, parents, teachers and residents joined officials of the SCC and Millville School District on March 1st for the opening of a new addition at Lakeside Middle School that will greatly enhance the overall quality of education for its 800 pupils and provide much-needed community resources. The addition, which broke ground in December 2003, includes a number of firsts for the Cumberland County school: an auditorium and facilities specifically designated for recreational purposes. In addition to supplying the much needed space for community programming, it will also provide necessary resources for the district to meet the physical health and recreational needs of its student body.

The expansion follows an earlier rehabilitation of the school that addressed pressing health needs, included new roofing, boilers, windows and asbestos removal. Until the expansion, space was severely limited and physical education classes were relegated to either a cafeteria that doubled as an all-purpose area, or outdoors. All instruction relating to music, choral and performing arts instruction was assigned to a small, crowded room.

Local, state and city officials also took part in the event, which included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the addition. Area Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the ceremony, which also featured musical and vocal performances by Lakeside Middle School students. Student artwork and an exhibit of Japanese art and poetry were on display in the lobby of the new addition.

The new building was designed by the Gibson Tarquini Group. Arthur J. Ogren Inc. is the contractor. Gilbane Building Company managed the project for SCC.

SCC Sponsors Free North Jersey SBE Contractor Training Program

Two years ago the SCC and the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors entered into an agreement to offer free eight-week Northern New Jersey Contractor Training Programs. They are designed to help small, minority and women-owned firms (SBEs) in Bergen, Morris, Sussex, Passaic and Warren counties compete successfully for SCC contracts.

The spring 2006 Contractor Training Program runs from March 2nd through March 23rd at Passaic County College Public Safety Academy in Wayne. The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors has engaged top executives from major firms and other construction professionals to be instructors for the program. RASC is dedicated to registering at least 25 firms each semester to increase the pool of capable small, minority, and women-owned firms that can bid and perform SCC construction contracts. After the completion of this semester, graduates will receive a certificate of completion or participation based on attendance. Graduates of the program will be tracked for 2 years to determine how many SCC projects they have bid on and awarded.

SCC, Jersey City Open New Elementary School and Middle School

Students, parents, teachers and residents joined New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) and Jersey City School District officials March 24th for the Grand Opening of the new Frank R. Conwell School Campus, Elementary School #3 and Middle School #4 located in the city's downtown area. These new facilities will greatly improve the quality of education, provide much needed space and ease overcrowding for over 1,300 students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The new 166,000-square-foot middle school facility consists of 44 classrooms and includes an auditorium wing, gymnasium/cafeteria wing and an educational/administrative wing. The facility accommodates grades 6 through 8 with a functional capacity of 810 students.

The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the two schools, which opened to students in January. The new elementary school is an 114,000-square-foot school facility that includes 31 classrooms, an auditorium wing, a gymnasium/cafeteria wing, and an educational/administrative wing. The school has a functional capacity of 576 students, and will accommodate grade levels kindergarten through 5th grade.

New Middle School #4 and PS #3 were constructed on a shared 5-1/2 acre site. While the two buildings are in close proximity, the campus is landscaped with recreational areas that offer the students a variety of opportunities including outdoor classrooms, and open field, amphitheater, basketball courts and a separate outdoor Pre-K play area.

Edwards & Kelcey Architectural & Design Services designed the schools, constructed by Terminal Construction Corporation. SCC fully funded and managed the construction.



SCC, Egg Harbor Twp. District Break Ground for Two New Schools

Students, parents, teachers and residents joined officials of the SCC and Egg Harbor Township School District at a groundbreaking ceremony March 27th for two 21st century facilities – Davenport Elementary School #2 and Slaybaugh Elementary School #3.

These schools will provide quality resources to serve the educational needs of 1,000 students from pre-kindergarten through first grade and meet demands of increasing enrollment in this growing Atlantic County community.

The new schools are being built on district-owned land next to an existing elementary school, creating an educational campus on Spruce Avenue. Each school will accommodate 500 students and include 25 classrooms, art/music room, computer lab, library-media center, a combination cafeteria/gym/auditorium and administrative offices. Slaybaugh will include a small extension wing for the township school board offices.

SCC is managing the construction of the schools and funding a percentage of the construction costs. Design Collaborative, Architects & Planners is the architectural firm for the school projects, which are being built by Tamburro Bros. Construction Co.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

As of March 31, 2006, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,561,141,575 since the inception of the program.

Contractor Procurement

Two construction bids were advertised for projects in Hoboken and Newark. (Exhibit A)

School District Grants

In March 2006, the SCC executed 12 Section 15 grants with 9 districts receiving less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The grants impacted 11 schools in five counties throughout the State. Total project costs for these grants are \$5,901,862, which qualified for a state share totaling \$2,435,629. Several districts received multiple grant awards in March, including Woodbine School District in Cape May County, which will receive two grants for school projects costing \$2,948,775, with a state share of \$1,228,145.

From its inception in 2002 through March 31, 2006, the SCC has executed 2,482 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 \$7,093,084,591, for which the state share totaled \$2,199,804,486.

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.



Conferences/Presentations

Lakeside MS Addition Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, 3/1/2006, Millville

Regional Alliance for Small Contractors, Northern New Jersey Business Training Program, 3/2nd-23rd/2006, Wayne

Newark Public Schools Parent Advisory Council Meeting, 3/7/2006, Newark

SCC at the Greater Newark Community Construction Workshop, 3/22/2006, Newark

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for PS #3 Elementary and #4 Middle Schools, 3/24/2006, Jersey City

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Attachment

Construction Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of April 26, 2006

Package #	District	Description of Work	# of Schools	Advertised Web Date	Advertised Newspaper Date	Bid Due Date
NE-0015-C01 RB2	Newark	Soundproofing of Mckinley School	1	3/1/06	3/6/06	4/6/06
NT-0022-C03	Hoboken	Calabro ES Renovations	1	3/29/06	4/3/06	5/2/06

Exhibit A