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## **SDA Issues Notice to Proceed for the Construction of the New Catrambone Elementary School in Long Branch**

TRENTON, NJ – Following through on Governor Christie’s directive for sound construction principles and accountability for state dollars, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has issued a Notice to Proceed to Terminal Construction Corp. of Wood Ridge, New Jersey for the new George L. Catrambone Elementary School in Long Branch. Terminal Construction Corp. was awarded a \$27.5 million general construction contract for the construction of the new school.

“The award of this contract brings the Long Branch community one step closer toward their new school,” said CEO Marc Larkins. “With our commitment to maintaining the project schedule and budget, the Catrambone project is advancing through a new way of approaching school construction projects in New Jersey. Performing a comprehensive Constructibility Review prior to the start of construction will help avoid the type of cost overruns and project delays that plagued the school construction program in the past. We look forward to celebrating future milestones with the Long Branch community.”

Selected for advancement as part of the 2011 Capital Project Portfolio, the 109,000 square-foot, partial two-story George L. Catrambone Elementary School will be constructed on a 9.7 acre site and will accommodate approximately 800 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades.

The initial phase of this award will begin with a required Constructibility Review. Following the conclusion of this review process and the SDA’s agreement with its results, Terminal will be issued a separate notice-to-proceed to begin construction activities including preparing the site for construction, removal of unsuitable material, remediating areas of concern and importing certified clean fill to be compacted and graded, providing footing and foundations, building shell, and completion of the building in accordance with the bid documents.

In addition, the Catrambone project is the first to advance under the SDA’s enhanced, comprehensive Constructibility Review process for all capital projects moving forward with a traditional design-bid-build approach to construction. With the Authority’s commitment to avoiding cost overruns and schedule delays, the Constructibility Review will provide the contractor with an opportunity to scrutinize the contract documents (plans and specifications) to identify any issues that may arise during construction which would impact the schedule or cost of completion, so that such issues can be resolved before commencement of construction.

The Constructibility Review will typically be allotted a total of eight weeks for completion with an intended purpose of eliminating project delays and resulting change orders related to deficiencies that should be identified before actual construction of the facility begins.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2.2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1B), additional projects in construction (\$194M), emergent projects (\$50M) and Regular Operating District grants (\$792M state share).

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