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SDA Advances Construction for a New PS 20 Elementary School in Jersey City

TRENTON, NJ – Following through on Governor Christie’s demand for sound construction principles and accountability for state dollars, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has issued a Notice to Proceed to Silverlands Services, Inc. of Edison, New Jersey for early site preparation work for a new PS 20 Elementary School in Jersey City. The new elementary school project will advance in two phases, with this contract representing the advancement of the first phase.

“The Christie Administration is committed to advancing a school construction program that ensures a quality education for New Jersey’s students,” said CEO Marc Larkins. “We are very excited to breathe new life into a project that had been stalled. The advancement of the PS 20 project is continuing our commitment to improve the educational facilities for Jersey City students. We look forward to celebrating with the Jersey City community about this and other future project milestones.”

The first phase of work will consist of preparing the project site for the construction of the new elementary school building. Work will include clearing the site, removal of sub-surface footings and foundations, removal of slabs and unsuitable soils, remediating areas of concern, removal of Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and importation of clean fill to be placed, compacted and graded.

The new Jersey City PS 20 Elementary School will be an approximately 106,000 square foot facility designed to educate 628 students from kindergarten through grade five and will be built on a site located at Cator and Ocean Avenues. This project was selected for advancement as part of the 2011 Capital Project Portfolio.

The \$874,444 contract was awarded to Silverlands Services, Inc. of Edison, New Jersey. Whitman Companies is the engineering design consultant and SDA is the construction manager for phase one of this project.

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 (\$198.3M), emergent projects (\$45.9M) and Regular Operating District grants (\$771M in state share).

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