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Christie Administration Announces Award for Construction Of New Marshall Street Elementary School In Paterson

TRENTON, NJ – To further the Christie Administration’s commitment to ensuring New Jersey students with safe, modern and efficient schools, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) announced today a \$29.3 million general construction contract to Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc. for the construction of the new Marshall Street Elementary School in the Paterson School District.

“The SDA is committed to its partnership with the Paterson Public Schools to improve the state of educational facilities in the community,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “This award advances one of several projects that will move us ever closer to achieving our goal of first-rate schools in Paterson.”

The school, designed to educate approximately 650 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, will contain 45 classrooms, a gymnasium, a cafetorium, special instructional classrooms for music, and art, a computer lab, technology room, science demonstration laboratory, and a community room. The project also includes a pedestrian bridge over the NJ Transit railroad right of way, to provide access for those areas of the city that the school is serving. The new 108,700 square-foot facility is anticipated to break ground this fall, following satisfactory completion of the required Constructability Review. The Marshall Street Elementary School is anticipated for completion in January 2016.

This project was selected for advancement as part of the 2011 Capital Project Portfolio announced by Governor Christie. With the Marshall Street Elementary School project, SDA’s active projects in Paterson represent more than \$100 million in total project costs. The SDA has invested nearly \$290 million in completed projects in Paterson alone including six Capital projects (International H.S., Number 24 E.S., Madison Avenue K Center, John F. Kennedy H.S., Roberto Clemente E.S., PANTHER Academy), six emergent projects and 44 health and safety/grant projects.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$100 million), emergent projects (\$50 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$577 million state share).

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