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Christie Administration Announces Award for Design of Trenton Central High School Renovation and Improvements

TRENTON, NJ – The Christie Administration today announced the award of a contract to STV Architects, Inc. for pre-design services to address the serious facility deficiencies at Trenton Central High School. The Trenton Central High School Project was selected for advancement as part of the Schools Development Authority's (SDA) 2012 Capital Portfolio.

“In partnership with Trenton Public Schools, community members and local officials, the SDA is committed to providing the students of Trenton with a significant project that will address the serious facility conditions,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “The advancement of this design work is the important next step in developing the best solutions to address exterior, interior and programmatic changes that are needed to ensure a quality learning environment. While SDA is working to identify long term solutions, the school district will be undertaking significant work on their own this summer to get the school ready for September.”

The Trenton Central High School is an 80 year-old, 438,862 square foot facility that educates 1,873 students in grades nine through twelve. The advancement of this contract will require the design consultant to complete a comprehensive analysis and investigation of the conditions and offer several alternative solutions to address first the exterior and then the interior conditions. After the most appropriate solution is identified, the work will advance to design and then to construction.

The exterior work will include improvements to the building envelope systems such as exterior walls, gutters, roofing, windows, doors and structural elements. The interior work will include improvements to components such as floors, ceilings, walls, auditorium seating, HVAC systems, electrical, lighting and technology.

“The students and staff will be excited to hear that the much-needed changes to Trenton Central High School are one step closer to reality,” said Trenton Public Schools Superintendent Francisco Duran. “I look forward to our continued partnership with the SDA in this endeavor.”

The SDA is also working with Trenton Public Schools to identify solutions to address programmatic needs that assist with their goals of creating Small Learning Communities. One example of this effort is the SDA's procurement of six mobile science lab stations to accommodate the 9th Grade Academy. These mobile labs already have been secured and will be in place for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. To date, the SDA has invested more than \$210 million in completed projects in Trenton alone, including eight capital projects (Columbus E.S., Gregory E.S., Joyce Kilmer E.S., MLK E.S., Mott E.S., P.J. Hill E.S., Parker E.S., Daylight/Twilight H.S.), 2 emergent projects and 19 health and safety/grant projects.

The SDA was able to expedite the procurement of design services due to the Architecture Task Order Pool that was established in April 2013. STV Architects, Inc. was awarded a design contract with a not-to-exceed value of \$3 million and an initial limited notice to proceed of \$430,980 for pre-design services.

Pre-design services for the exterior work are expected to commence shortly and to last two months to create three possible solutions for consideration. The final design phase will follow, beginning September 2013. Following completion of design and procurement for construction services, work on the exterior of the building is expected to begin in Summer 2014 when the building is unoccupied. Pre-design for the interior of the building will happen concurrently and is expected to last seven months. Final design for the interior will commence in February 2014. Following procurement for a contractor, the work would commence in Summer 2015, when the school is unoccupied. The preliminary construction cost estimate for both the interior and exterior work is between \$23-\$27 million.

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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