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NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LAUNCHES 2020 CONTRACTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

TRENTON, NJ - The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) announced the acceptance of applications to the SDA 2020 Contractor Training Program. The 2020 program will be conducted through remote learning to ensure participant safety during COVID-19.

Applications for this FREE program are available at: https://www.njsda.gov/NJSDA/Content/Business/SmallBusinessOpportunities/2020 Contractor Training Program Application.pdf.

The SDA's Contractor Training Program is designed to provide small, minority, women and disabled veteran-owned business enterprises with valuable instruction in business basics, management practices, and knowledge on how to do business with the SDA and other State agencies. Sessions for this nine-week program will be held virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will offer both instruction and networking opportunities.

"The SDA is committed to providing small, minority, women and disabled veteran-owned businesses with the tools and insight they need to strengthen their business and pursue an expanded client base," said Manuel Da Silva, SDA Chief Executive Officer. "It is our hope that the training program will provide small businesses with insight into SDA's program and processes that will enable more firms to participate on various projects and work throughout the State. Small businesses are vital to New Jersey's economy and we are proud to work with them to help grow their business."

Participants will benefit from a business instruction curriculum in a variety of subjects, such as: marketing construction services, business planning 101, accounting for construction services, budgeting and estimating, procurement, construction project management, construction contract law, safety and how to find opportunities.

Applications will be accepted until September 4, 2020 and should be submitted to the SDA by email (ContractorTraining@njsda.gov). The program will commence on October 6, 2020. For more information, please visit:

https://www.njsda.gov/NJSDA/Business/ProgramRegistrationInformation

About the New Jersey Schools Development Authority

The SDA is the State agency responsible for fully funding and managing the new construction, modernization and renovation of school facilities projects in 31 SDA Districts. Its current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants. Since the program's inception, the SDA has provided funding for and management oversight of more than 850 completed school facilities projects in SDA Districts and has executed more than 5,400 grants for Regular Operating Districts throughout the State of New Jersey. For more information about the SDA, please visit our website at: www.njsda.gov or follow us on social media at: Facebook; Instagram; LinkedIn; or Twitter

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