



Message from CEO Charles B. McKenna



The warm weather has arrived and work on SDA projects has shifted into high gear. A pedestrian bridge has been placed over the railroad tracks in Paterson that will allow students safe access to the Marshall Street School. The Henry Street School in Passaic City is on track for a September opening. Schools that are being built in Gloucester, Paterson, Elizabeth, Newark, Keansburg and elsewhere are accelerating their pace during the building-friendly weather. All across the state, schedules are being met and costs are being contained.

All of this is due to the hard work of the SDA staff who, each day are doing more with less. From construction managers, to designers, to engineers and everyone in between whose work enables buildings to be erected, everyone is doing his or her part to make the Authority run smoothly so that we can properly serve the children of this state. We are all, in a way, lucky to be able to work for an entity that has such an important mission – providing quality learning environments to educate the future leaders of our state and country.

Aside from the progress being made on new school buildings and additions, summer is the time for major repairs to things such as roofs, building facades and HVAC systems that keep the State's legacy schools in acceptable condition. Much ROD grant money has been processed to assist schools all over the state with the financing of major projects to aging infrastructure.

In Trenton, work continues on the environmental abatement of Trenton Central High School in advance of its demolition. This is an important and exciting project that is the result of SDA's strong partnership with the Trenton School District and the staff of the high school who have worked tirelessly to put us in the position to begin a new era of education in Trenton.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the incredible work of the building-trades workers. During the summer, it is their sweat that generates the progress that is occurring all across this state. Ironworkers, masons, electricians, carpenters and the like toil each day in some of the most admirable professions in order to build great structures that will permit educational miracles to take place. I thank them for the work they do each day.

Have a fun, productive and most importantly safe summer.

Capital Portfolio Status Update

From Paterson to Bridgeton, the SDA continues to design and build quality school facilities that will benefit school children Statewide for generations to come. Additionally, these new buildings are being constructed on-time and on-budget. Over the next eighteen months, the SDA anticipates that at least 10 new and/or renovated facilities will come on line.



*Henry Street Elementary School
Passaic City*

Of the projects in the SDA's Capital Portfolio:

- 12 projects are in active building construction;
- 2 projects have initiated Design-Build activity;
- 1 project has ongoing demolition activity;
- 1 project is in Design-Build procurement;
- 1 project is in Construction procurement;
- 14 projects are in design development;
- 2 projects are in design consultant procurement; and
- 4 projects are in scope development.

The SDA anticipates that over the next six months, eight projects will be advertised for construction or Design-Build contracts and three projects will be advertised for demolition/site preparation. For additional information on the current status of the Capital Portfolio, please click [here](#).



*Oliver Street Elementary School
Newark*

Recent Project Activity

Since March 2015, the SDA has advertised and/or awarded contracts for the following projects:

Recent Advertisements

- Camden (Camden County) – Camden High School, Design Consultant
- Garfield (Bergen County) – James Madison Elementary School No. 10, Construction Management Services
- New Brunswick (Middlesex County) – Paul Robeson Community School, Design-Build
- Orange (Essex County) – Cleveland Elementary School, Design Consultant

Proposals Currently Under Review

- Elizabeth (Union County) – New Elementary School, Construction Management Services

Recent Contract Awards

- Bridgeton (Cumberland County) – Broad Street Elementary School, Exterior Masonry & Structural Emergent Repairs
- Irvington (Essex County) – Irvington High School, Roof, HVAC and Masonry Repairs Emergent Project
- Orange (Essex County) – Orange High School, Addition/Renovation Design Consultant
- Pemberton (Burlington County) – Denbo-Crichton School, Design Consultant
- Trenton (Mercer County) – Trenton Central High School, Abatement and Demolition
- Vineland (Cumberland County) – Vineland High School South, HVAC System Replacement Emergent Project

Upcoming Project Activity

The SDA anticipates that several projects will be advertised for construction procurement before the end of 2015. All eligible prequalified firms are encouraged to participate and bid on SDA work. An updated project procurement forecast for the rest of 2015 has been posted to the SDA website and sent to all SDA-prequalified firms. A list of anticipated upcoming opportunities can be found [here](#).

School Construction Milestones



New Gloucester City Middle School Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking and beam signing ceremonies are two of the construction milestones that are celebrated during the lifecycle of a capital construction project. On May 4, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno joined SDA CEO Charles McKenna, Gloucester City Public Schools representatives, Congressman Donald Norcross, Assemblyman Angel Fuentes, Gloucester City Mayor William James and other local officials to break ground for the new Gloucester City Middle School (Gloucester City, Camden County).



Buckshutem Road Elementary School Beam Signing

A beam signing ceremony provides the school district, students, and officials with an opportunity to sign a piece of steel that will be hoisted into place as a permanent part of the future school building. Beam signing ceremonies were recently held for three projects: the Buckshutem Road Elementary School Addition/Renovation project, the Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School Addition/Renovation project (both in Bridgeton, Cumberland County) and the new Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School (Keansburg, Monmouth County).



Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School Beam Signing



Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School Beam Signing

Maintaining Schools Through Emergent Projects

The SDA's Emergent Project Program serves a vital role in ensuring that all New Jersey students are educated in facilities that can foster a quality learning environment. Currently, the SDA is managing 13 emergent projects at 11 schools.

- 8 projects are in construction;
- 1 project is in construction procurement;
- 2 projects are in design; and
- 2 projects are in design procurement.

Projects initiated to address conditions that are deemed emergent serve to remedy needs that include: fire safety, structural issues, boilers and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical, domestic water and building envelope (roof, masonry, windows, etc.). The summer months are the optimal time to accomplish emergent project repairs, since the students are not in the school buildings. The SDA recently awarded general construction contracts for two emergent projects - roofing, HVAC and masonry repairs at Irvington High School (Irvington School District) and exterior masonry and structural repairs at Broad Street Elementary School (Bridgeton Public Schools). A proposal for another emergent project, Vineland High School South HVAC system replacement (Vineland Public Schools), is currently under review with the SDA. These projects are anticipated to begin construction this summer.

SDA ROD Grant Program

The ROD Grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the regular operating districts Statewide. These projects generally address health and safety issues, as well as other critical needs that will have a positive impact on student learning. Of the latest allocation of ROD Grants, 1,090 grants have been executed. This includes recently executed grants to Woodbury City Public Schools (Gloucester County) for exterior door replacement and HVAC upgrades at West End Memorial Elementary School; Colts Neck Township Schools (Monmouth County) for a boiler replacement at Cedar Drive Middle School; Little Falls Township Public Schools (Passaic County) for electrical upgrades at School No. 2; Somerville Public School District (Somerset County) for security upgrades at Somerville High School; and Warren Hills Regional School District (Warren County) for a roof replacement at Warren Hills Regional Middle School.

Since January 2010, the SDA has executed more than 2,080 grants providing \$695 million to local districts and leveraging projects estimated to total \$1.6 billion. A completed list of ROD Grant projects can be found on the [SDA website](#).

SMWBE Contractor Training Program Graduation

The fifth offering of the SDA's Small Minority and Women-Owned Business (SMWBE) Contractor Training Program culminated at the end of April with a graduation/networking event. After the 16 successful firms received their certificates of completion, they spent time networking with several of the State's large general

contracting firms, SDA executives and a representative from the City of Trenton.

SDA's SMWBE Contractor Training Program is a nine-week program dedicated to providing small, minority and women-owned businesses with information and guidance on how to do business with the SDA and grow their business. Instructors serve as experts in their field of work and offer real life scenarios as examples for the participating firms. All participating firms are strongly encouraged to become prequalified to do business with the SDA.

Graduating firms for the 2015 program include:

- Best Home Solutions - Hamilton, NJ
- D.K. Klein Mechanical, Inc. - Brielle, NJ
- EMY Solutions, Inc. – Dayton, NJ
- GG3 Development, LLC – Chatham, NJ
- Gustavo's Design and Landscape – Trenton, NJ
- JCMS, Inc. – Mercerville, NJ
- JHDS, LLC – Lincoln Park, NJ
- Jamshar Construction Consultants, LLC – Willingboro, NJ
- Job One Lawn and Landscape, LLC – Ewing, NJ
- The Krydon Group, Inc. – Moorestown, NJ
- Mack Industries, Inc. – Trenton, NJ
- Major Mechanical Services, Inc. – Wallington, NJ
- Maysonet, LLC – Clark, NJ
- RM Painting – Hamilton, NJ
- Roof Maintenance Systems – Farmingdale, NJ
- Saenz Contractors, Inc. – Trenton, NJ



SMWBE Contractor Training Program Graduation and Networking Event

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