



# Black History Month 2019: Black Migrations

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The Association for the Study of African American Life and History announced the theme for Black History Month 2019 is Black Migrations, focusing on the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities.

The theme highlights migration of blacks in all forms from the early decades of the twentieth century when African American migration patterns included relocation from farms to cities. Blacks also moved from the South to the Northeast, Midwest, and West. Focus is also on immigrants from the Caribbean to American cities as well as to migrant labor farms and the emigration

of noted African Americans to Africa and to European cities, such as Paris and London, after the end of World War I and World War II.

ASALH officials stated, "Black Migrations equally lends itself to the exploration of the century's later decades from spatial and social perspectives, with attention to 'new' African Americans because of the burgeoning African and Caribbean population in the US; northern African Americans' return to the South; racial suburbanization; inner-city hyperghettoization; health and environment; civil rights and protest activism; electoral politics; mass incarceration; and dynamic cultural production."

One of the most prominent examples of black movement is the Great Migration that occurred between 1916 and 1970 in which six million African Americans moved out of the rural southern United States to the urban Northeast, Midwest, and West. Escaping racial inequality and searching for better opportunity, blacks took their traditions from states such as Mississippi and South Carolina and migrated to northern cities such as New York, Detroit, and Chicago. Specific highlights for this year's theme include



the emergence of the Harlem Renaissance in New York City as a result of black migration the black urbanization of American cities and the impact black migration has had on American art and culture.

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 NYS DOT Contract No. D263821 (NYS DBE)  
 Bid Date: February 13, 2019

**Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation of Approach Arches, Towers, Miscellaneous Rehab**  
 NYCDOT Contract No: BRC270D (NYS DBE)  
 Bid Date: February 7, 2019

**D263821, Rehabilitation of the Major Deegan Expressway (I-87) in Bronx County (NYS DBE):**  
**Description of Project:** Bridge replacement with roadway on fill, operational improvements on I-87 Northbound by adding new access ramp and auxiliary lane. New retaining walls, lighting, utilities, pavement and sign structures. Bridge rehabilitation, deck and approach slabs replacement, sidewalks, all new utilities and its facilities, proved vertical clearance over I-87. Replacement of two bearings and modifications to pier near MNRR tracks.

**BRC270D, Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation of Approach Arches, Towers, Miscellaneous Rehab (NYS DBE):**  
**Description of Project:** The work to be performed under this contract consists of the rehabilitation of the Brooklyn Bridge approach arch blocks, main towers, and miscellaneous repairs. The contract limits extend from Park Row in Manhattan to Tillary Street in Brooklyn. The arch block rehabilitation in Manhattan includes removal of the existing brick infill walls with the construction of new concrete infill walls with bricks at the outside face, rehabilitation of floors, cleaning and repointing of interior brick, and installation of ventilation. Soils below existing foundations will be jet grouted in arch blocks A through D indicated in the contract plans. Arch block rehabilitation in Manhattan and Brooklyn includes removal of hazardous materials, rehabilitation of interior brick walls, and installation of electrical service. Granite infill walls in the Brooklyn arch blocks will be encased at the interior surface. Tower work includes the reinforcement of granite blocks in gothic arches, rehabilitation of tower tops, and tower lighting. Cleaning and repointing of granite is to be performed on the exteriors of the arch blocks, anchorages, and towers. Miscellaneous work includes reinforcement of the Washington Street abutment and drainage improvements.

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 MTA Bridges and Tunnels Contract No: BW-14 Phase II  
 Bid Date: February 8, 2019

The work to be performed may briefly be described as furnishing all labor, material, and equipment necessary for the following: median barrier extension installation on the suspended spans; upgrade the fire standpipe hose connections on the suspended spans; rehabilitation of the wind pins at the towers; repair to lower lateral gusset plate at the Bronx Tower; repairs to bearing plates at the approaches; repair tower electrical conduits at lamp posts on suspended spans; refurbishment of tower deteriorated electrical panels; repair of traveler track beam; replacement of stringer bearings; repairs to fairing gratings; replace drainage pipe at towers lower struts; and electrical conduit restoration at spans 12 and 13 (two locations); incidental lead abatement; and maintenance and protection of traffic.

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**Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation of Approach Arches, Towers, Miscellaneous Rehab in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York**  
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 Bid Date: February 7, 2019

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**Line Structural Component Repair Program—Canarsie Line**  
 MTA NYCT Contract No. C-48719 (NYS MWBE, SDVOB)  
 Bid Date: February 28, 2019

**C-48719, Line Structural Component Repair Program—Canarsie Line (NYS MWBE, SDVOB):**  
**Description of Project:** This project is to repair the structural steel and concrete defects in the subway tunnel between First Avenue Station and Eighth Avenue Station in Manhattan. Additional station component repairs for Sixth Avenue Station, Canarsie Line, in the Borough of Manhattan are also included.

**Many bidding opportunities available.**

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**ADA Sixth Avenue Canarsie Line**  
 MTA NYCT Contract No. A-37150A  
 Bid Date: January 31, 2019

**Description of Project:** Accessibility Upgrades at Sixth Avenue Station on the Canarsie Line (BMT) in the Borough of Manhattan—make the station accessible by complying with the 2010 Americans Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design, enhance customer experience at the station, make the station easier to navigate, and facilitate increased ridership on the NYCT System.

**Bidding Opportunities:** electrical work, communications work (CCTV, cameras, monitors, network, fire alarm), HVAC, plumbing, fire protection, elevators, structural steel, railings, asbestos abatement, acoustical tile ceilings, lighting, tile, masonry, glazing, stair treads, stainless steel doors, gypsum board, painting, concrete, rebar, station signage, dewatering, rodent control, abatement of bird droppings, dumpsters, office cleaning, progress photographs, engineer's office computers/equipment/furniture.

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 Contact: Women's Business Center, 617-536-0700, [easternma@ceonline.org](mailto:easternma@ceonline.org)  
 Fee: Free; registration required

This workshop is presented by a member of the local Small Business Administration team and is designed to help entrepreneurs understand the various Small Business Administration programs and services available to help them start or expand a business. Topics covered include: Technical Assistance Program; SBA Loan Guarantee Program; 8(a) Business Development Program; HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zones) Program; Government Contracting Opportunities.

**How to Get Federal Contracts for Your Small Business**  
 Thursday, February 28, 2019, 8:30 am–1:30 pm  
 Liberty Hall Corporate Center, 1085 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ  
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC)  
 Contact: Rogers Ramsey, 908-527-1166, [ramsey@ucedc.com](mailto:ramsey@ucedc.com)

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 This free program is being offered by UCEDC, a nonprofit economic development corporation that is dedicated to helping New Jersey's small business community. The federal government is a huge organization and just like any other business or organization, the government needs to purchase goods and services in order to function effectively. This seminar will provide small business owners with a general understanding of government contracting and the federal procurement process. Attend this free seminar and learn how to increase your chance of winning federal government contracts.

**Women Empowering Women**  
 Thursday, March 7, 2019, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm  
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 Contact: Cynthia Marsh-Croll, 845-363-6432, [cmarsh-croll@wedcbiz.org](mailto:cmarsh-croll@wedcbiz.org)  
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Come and meet mentors from all different backgrounds and see how you can make 2019 your best year! Mentors include: Melanie Richards, Increase Your Visibility; Mandy Kole, State University of New York; Ulster; Sandra Salguero, Superior Mortgage and Latinos in Business; Lauree Ostrofsky, Simply Leap and Hudson Valley Women in Business; Jan Wallen, Professional Consultant. This event will be an interactive roundtable as well as an opportunity to network with like-minded women. Topics include: finding the right mentor; how to create a win-win relationship; how to market yourself; effective networking.