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# New York Amsterdam News, Old and New

By New York Amsterdam News

Editor's note: During Black History Month, we at Small Business Exchange Northeast would like to recognize the incomparable work of New York Amsterdam News in reporting that history, and continuing to do so, for more than a century. This article reproduces the "About Us" page on their website, which we encourage you to visit: www.amsterdamnews.com . You may also wish to consider subscribing.

The New York Amsterdam News was started more than a century ago, with a \$10 investment. It has gone on to become one of the most important Black newspapers in the country and today remains one of the most influential Black-owned and -operated media businesses in the nation, if not the world.

On December 4, 1909, James H. Anderson put out the first edition of the Amsterdam News with six sheets of paper, a lead pencil, a dressmaker's table, and that \$10 investment. The Amsterdam News was one of only fifty Black newspapers in the country at that time. Copies were sold for two cents apiece from his home at 132 West 65th Street in Manhattan. The paper was named after the avenue where Anderson lived in New York's San Juan Hill section of Manhattan. By 1910, as Blacks began the Great Exodus

from the South, moving into big cities like Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York's Village of Harlem, so grew the success of the Amsterdam News, so much so that Anderson soon moved the paper uptown to 17 West 135th Street. Still growing, the AmNews moved again in 1916 to 2293 Seventh Avenue. The next move came in 1938 to 2271 Seventh Avenue until, in the early 1940s, it relocated to its present address at 2340 Frederick Douglass Boulevard in Harlem. In 1926, publisher Edward Warren's wife,

Sadie, purchased the paper. It struggled for survival until 1935, when it was bought by two of the nation's foremost Black entrepreneurs, Dr. Cielan Bethan Powell and Dr. Phillip M. H. Savory of the Powell Savory Corporation. Powell assumed the role of publisher. During Powell's tenure, the Amsterdam *News* expanded its reach, reporting not only on



local stories that were important to the Black community, but national news stories as well.

The AmNews reported on the fight for equality during the Jim Crow era, the events of the Civil Rights Movement, the Montgomery Bus Boycott,

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DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS Replacement of 8 Traction Elevators at Various Locations in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn

MTA Construction and Development Contract No. E-34028 Bid Date: February 11, 2021 **Description of project:** This contract requires the performance by the contractor of all work necessary for the replacement of eight (8) traction elevators for the lines at the four locations, listed below, in the Boroughs of

Manhattan and Brooklyn: 1. BMT Division: Broadway Line—Court Street Station (R) Elevator Nos. 308 and 309 2. IRT Division: Clark Street Line—Clark Street Station (2, 3) Elevator Nos. 310, 311, 212

3. IND Division: 63rd Street Line—Lex Avenue/63 Street Station (F) Elevator No. 402 4. IND Division: 63rd Street Line—Roosevelt Island Station (F) Elevator Nos. 403 and 404

Many bidding opportunities are available: selective demolition; miscellaneous concrete repair; concrete topping slabs; positive side leak mitigation; grouting; unity masonry; removal and restoration of brick and tile; structural steel; miscellaneous metals; aluminum work; EPDM and liquid membrane roofing; hollow metal work; hardware; glass and glazing; vision panels; insulated sliding doors; anti graffiti coating; ceramic tile and marble cleaning; tile repairs; station painting; metal ceiling; gypsum wallboard; terrazzo flooring; photo luminescent egress markings; removal of batteries, mercury containing lamps, lead, PCB; rodent control; traction elevators; HVAC; plumbing; dry manual standpipe sprinkler system; station electrical work; communication work;

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fiber optics; dumpsters; field office equipment; survey; testing and inspections.



SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS FOR THE

**Coast Side Coastal Resiliency Project ESCR Contract No. SANDRESM1** 

Bid Date: February 8, 2021 The East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) Project is a coastal protection initiative, jointly funded

by the City of New York and the federal government, aimed at reducing flood risk due to coastal

**Description of project:** 

storms and sea level rise on Manhattan's East Side from East 25th Street to Montgomery Street. The boundaries of this project correspond with the natural "pinch-points" in the 100-year floodplain: areas where the land is higher along the coastline, making it easier to close the system off from water entering from the north and south. The project design integrates flood protection into the community fabric, improving waterfront open spaces and access, rather than walling off the neighborhood. Many bidding opportunities are available: utilities, piles, park finishes, park equipment, park

fields, demolition, landscaping, flatwork, paving, curbs and sidewalks, and concrete repairs. If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator:

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SUBCONTRACTORS/VENDORS FOR:

Amtrak Sunnyside Yard Ready Track Construction (Package "A" and "B") and Watermain Replacement (Phase 1 and 2) Project, Queens
Amtrak Contract

Bid Date: February 10, 2021 **Description of Project:** 

The work to be performed under this contract consists of selective demolition; site clearing; construction of stairs; retaining walls; catenary structure and foundations; trackwork; yard platform; new substation;

watermain replacement; and civil, utility, and communications work associated with these items. Many bidding opportunities are available: demolition; watermain; electrical; roofing/waterproofing; painting; geotechnical instrumentation and monitoring; soil testing; hauling and disposal of

soils; asphalt paving; plumbing; furnish miscellaneous metals and structural steel If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: Rosemary.Nagle@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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## IS SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED **DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS Harold Structures Eastbound Re-Route Project**

MTA Construction and Development Contract No. CH058B Bid Date: February 19, 2021

The work involves design-build of a new tunnel and approach structures for a grade-separated

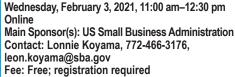
crossover, including modification of the underpinning pier(s) and construction of new pier(s) for the existing Honeywell Street bridge, demolition of existing track work and installation of new track, including special track work, and demolition of existing and installation of new traction power elements such as the cabling, contact and messenger wires, feeder cables and their

supporting structures. The work will be performed in an active railroad interlocking and will require close coordination with the ongoing train operations and force account work performed by Amtrak, LIRR, and other East Side Access contractors. Many bidding opportunities are available: trucking, soil hauling and disposal, containers, excavation, structural concrete, precast concrete, standpipe, utilities, MPT, electrical, catenary, miscellaneous metals, steel, pile driving, micropiles, line striping, rebar furnish and install, waterproofing, demolition, support of excavation, precast barrier, trackwork, track removals, third rail, concrete ties, rail, fence, erosion control, trailers, cleaning, environmental testing, fill material supply, contaminated soil, geotechnical instrumentation and monitoring, survey, photography,

rodent control, castings, monitoring wells, dewatering, material testing, temporary steel. If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator:

NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS Fee: Free; registration required

## from representatives from the local SBA office and the New Hampshire Secretary of State **HUBZone Federal Contracting Certification** Corporation Division. This workshop (currently



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urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. The Hubzone Certification program is a means of

'setting aside" federal contracts for firms that can be certified by the Small Business Administration. This class will review the criteria and eligibility for this program and the Small Business program. The federal government has a goal of

setting aside three percent of the \$450 billion in contracts every year for Hubzone contracts. Lonnie Koyama is a Lead Economic Development Specialist for the US SBA's South Florida District Office.

Thursday, February 4, 2021, 9:00 am-10:30 am Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation

Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601,

the first Thursday of every month. To join this free webinar, copy and paste the link below

into your browser, then register for tickets for the date of your choice to receive the access code. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthlyworkshop-on-sba-programs-resources-at-sostickets-138501643143 **PPP Forgiveness Webinar** Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 11:30 am-1:00 pm Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration Contact: Susan Mazza, 802-828-4422,

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held online during the pandemic) is offered on

susan.mazza@sba.gov Fee: Free; registration required The SBA Vermont District Office hosts a free

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