



Bloomberg Assists Black Medical Students

By Bloomberg Philanthropies

In December 2018, Mike Bloomberg traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to announce that the city had won Bloomberg Philanthropies’ Public Art Challenge. The winning proposal honored the neighborhood of Greenwood—once known as Black Wall Street, and the site of one of America’s worst tragedies: The 1921 Tulsa Race massacre. While there, he was moved by the story of how a predominantly Black neighborhood had become one of the country’s most prosperous communities—and was appalled and angered to know that its destruction at the hands of a racist mob had been whitewashed from history books.

The Greenwood Initiative

In the spring of 2020, during his campaign for president of the United States, Mike announced an ambitious plan to accelerate the pace of wealth accumulation for Black individuals and families and address decades of underinvestment in Black communities. In remembrance of the

hundreds killed in Greenwood, and in recognition of how racism has prevented Black families from building wealth, he called the plan The Greenwood Initiative and returned to Tulsa to lay out its proposals in a speech.

We have since carried the plan’s objectives over to Bloomberg Philanthropies, where we’re supporting and working with partners and institutions that have a proven track record of increasing economic and social mobility to fulfill Greenwood’s mission of reducing wealth disparities in Black communities.

\$100 Million to Historically Black Medical Schools

The initiative’s first major investment was an historic \$100 million gift to America’s four historically Black medical schools: Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC, Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, California. Bloomberg Philanthropies’ gift to the medical schools will allow them to provide debt relief up to \$100,000 to approximately eight hundred medical students



who are currently enrolled and receiving financial aid over the next four years.

This is the largest-ever individual philanthropic gift received by these medical schools, and it helps to address the connection between Black health and

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Harold Structures Eastbound Re-Route Project

MTA Construction and Development Contract No. CH058B

Bid Date: April 16, 2021

Description of project:

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: Rosemary.Nagle@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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New Jersey Department of Transportation, Pulaski Contract 8B

NJDOT Contract No. 054123300

Bid Date: April 22, 2021

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to soil erosion and sediment control, traffic control, pipe/drainage structures, earthwork—excavation, earthwork—embankment, asphalt/pavement, fence, sidewalk and curbs, traffic railing, traffic striping, traffic signs, electrical, landscaping, engineering, demolition, hazmat, paint, foundations/piles, reinforcing steel, concrete—structural, waterproofing, steel repairs, bearings, joints, concrete deck, and jacking systems. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

Interested firms please contact john.papagiannakis@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

2021

SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar

Thursday, April 1, 2021, 9:00 am–11:00 am

Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division

Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required

Starting a new business? Looking for capital and finance options? Looking for general advice on starting or maintaining your business? Hear from representatives from the local SBA office and the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division. This workshop (currently held online during the pandemic) is offered on 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/monthly-workshop-on-sba-programs-resources-at-sos-tickets-138501643143>

Marketing Your Business to the Federal Government Webinar

Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Tampa Bay Women’s Business Centre

Contact: Lonnie Koyama, 772-466-3176, leon.koyama@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required

This online class focuses on improving your probability of being “found” by federal contracting offices and large federal prime contractors. The discussion includes: which website is used by contracting entities to source contractors; which NAICS codes and how many should you use; what is a good Capability Statement; what is most important to a contracting officer and selecting official; how to improve your website. Lonnie Koyama is a Lead Economic Development Specialist for the US SBA’s South Florida District Office. Lonnie is an accomplished business developer with extensive experience in both the private and public sectors. He has wide-ranging proficiency as a business owner, corporate multi-unit manager, general manager, and consultant.

PPP Forgiveness Webinar

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration

Contact: Susan Mazza, 802-828-4422, susan.mazza@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required

The SBA Vermont District Office hosts a free weekly webinar from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Tuesdays to discuss Paycheck Protection Program forgiveness. Topics include criteria, the process, changes, and more. To access the webinar by phone, call 1-202-765-1264 and enter the code 986 011 495#. For more information, email susan.mazza@sba.gov. Webinar direct link (copy and paste link into browser address bar): <http://ow.ly/uj2850DRyxt> The SBA Vermont District Office provides financial services, consulting, and educational assistance to the small business community throughout the state.

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