



Men of Steel: How Mohawks Built New York

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The Empire State Building. The George Washington Bridge. The United Nations. The Woolworth Building. Thirty Rock. The Seagram Building. Lincoln Center. The Waldorf Astoria. Virtually all of New York's most iconic structures were raised in part by Mohawk Native American ironworkers. Since 1916, when Mohawk men made their way to New York to work on the Hell Gate Bridge, ironworkers from two native communities, Akwesasne (which straddles Ontario, Quebec, and New York State) and Kahnawake (near Montreal), have been "walking iron" across the city.

In 2012, Kaniehtakeron "Geggs" Martin, a fourth-generation Mohawk ironworker, stood twenty-seven stories above 55th Street, striding across a two-inch-wide steel beam and swaying a support column into place. What was open sky, soon became a steel-and-glass skyscraper. "I'm a connector," Martin told WNYC. "In the raising gang, it's my job to climb the steel, and erect the iron. It's my job to put the building up."

The tradition of "Mohawks in High Steel" began in 1886, when Mohawk people were hired to build the Victoria Bridge for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, across the Saint Lawrence River, onto Mohawk land. The Dominion Bridge Company, the construction firm responsible for the bridge, intended to hire Mohawks as day-laborers unloading materials, but Mohawk bridgemen were more interested in riveting work, which was the most dangerous, and the highest paid. Of riveting, a DBC official once explained, "men who want to do it are rare, and men who can do it are even rarer."

Mohawk ironworkers have preserved that rare skill for generations. Kyle Karonhiaktatie Beauvais, a sixth-generation Mohawk ironworker, told the Smithsonian in 2002, "A lot of people think Mohawks aren't afraid of heights; that's not true. We have as much fear as the next guy. The difference is that we deal with it better. We also have the experience of the old timers to follow and the responsibility to lead the younger guys. There's pride in walking iron."

In the 1920s, New York City became the place for walking iron, as the lean skeletons of New



York's Art Deco skyscrapers first began to rise over Manhattan. But, then as now, the US Immigration Service followed ill-advised policies that were detrimental to the nation. In this case, immigration officials tried to deport a number of Mohawk

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Amtrak Emergency Service Building Relocation Project, Manhattan
 Amtrak Contract
 Bid Date: July 28, 2020

Description of Project:
 The Emergency Services Building (ESB) project (the Project) consists of the construction within the secured site of the LIRR West Side Storage Yard (West Rail Yard) of a new electrical substation, emergency generator, and control panel within a fenced area as a temporary replacement for the ESB while it is demolished in favor of a new substation that is not a part of this contract, and moving an existing SCADA cabinet to a location adjacent to the aforesaid fenced area. This equipment will be located near the northwest corner of 11th Avenue and West 30th Street, north of the High Line structure. The Project also includes communications and electrical raceways, boxes, and cables related to the foregoing; fire alarm work related to the foregoing, a new water meter vault, and related civil work, all between the existing LIRR Access Road and West 30th Street.

Many bidding opportunities are available: Pipe materials, ready-mix concrete, rebar fabrication, rebar installation, erosion control materials, chain link fence, fill materials, haul and disposal, structural steel, metal deck, and miscellaneous metals.

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The Port Authority has released a "Request for Prequalification (RFPQ #61219) to Generate a Pool of Qualified Vendors for Receipt of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Networking Equipment and Support Services Provider Solicitation" to provide services for network design, implementation, monitoring, operations support, and procurement of networking hardware/software and ancillary hardware/software to support its network infrastructure and associated systems.

Through this Request for Expressions of Interest, the Port Authority is developing a list of available and interested MBE and WBE firms that are seeking subcontracting opportunities with prequalified vendors of the Port Authority NESS Provider Solicitation.

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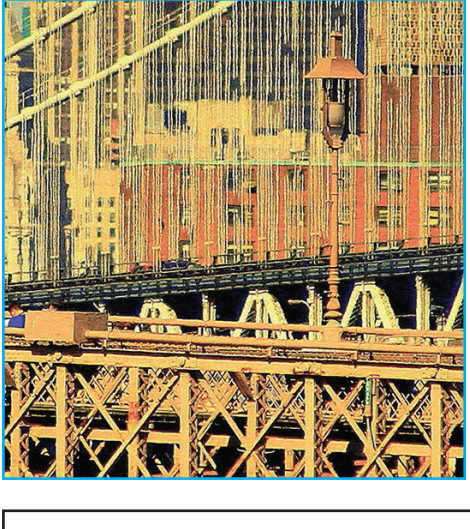


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PATH Exchange Place Station 9 Car Program, West Corridor Project
 PANYNJ Contract No: PAT-024.233
 Bid Date: June 25, 2020

Description of project:
 A general description of the project work includes the following: Generally of excavation of cross corridor passage, including installation of structural supports, architectural finishes, and mechanical and electrical appurtenances and related work at PATH Exchange Place Station and the vicinity thereof, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Many bidding opportunities are available.

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WP-269 Reconstruction and Improvement of Hannah Street Pump Station Project
 NYC DEP Contract No: PS-276
 Bid Date: June 11, 2020

Description of project:
 The Hannah Street Pumping Station is the largest city-owned wastewater collection system pumping station on Staten Island, with a firm conveyance capacity of 37.5 million gallons per day (MGD). The facility's deficiencies are numerous, as it was built in 1977, requiring the need for a comprehensive upgrade. Work includes demolition, excavation, dewatering, upgrades to the pumping station, electrical, emergency generator, ConEd and metering building, force main work, and temporary facilities.

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 Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

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 Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm
 Online
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 Contact: Patrice Dozier, 404-331-0118, patrice.dozier@sba.gov
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 Thursday, June 25, 2020, 9:00 am–10:30 am
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 Contact: Susan Lourie, 617-565-5590, susan.lourie@sba.gov
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