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### Men of Steel: How Mohawks Built New York The tradition of "Mohawks in High Steel"

By Lucie Levine

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."

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



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 Click to read more Small Business Exchange • Voice of Small, Emerging, Diversity-Owned Businesses Since 1984

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INVITATION TO BID FOR DBE FIRMS

Harold Structures—B/C Approach Structure for the East Side Access Project

in the Borough of Queens, New York MTA Capital Construction Contract No. CH058A Bid Date: August 3, 2018 ALL QUOTATIONS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS Friday, July 27, 2018. For further information concerning subcontracting and/or purchasing opportunities, and to register as a subcontractor or vendor, please respond to solicitations@tutorperini.com or contact Jackie Cotto at 914-739-1908. Come and join our team!

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## MTA Capital Construction Contract No. CH058A

**DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS Harold Structures Part 4 Project** 

Bid Date: August 3, 2018 Description of project: The work of this contract includes removal of the existing cutterhead of the Tunnel B/C tunnel boring machine, construction of the Tunnel B/C Approach Structure, installation of catenary

poles, construction of ductbanks, installation of track and special track work, site grading, and miscellaneous demolition. As part of construction of the Tunnel B/C Approach Structure, the contractor will be required to design and provide temporary support for the 39th Street Bridge

and transfer the bridge load from the temporary support to the permanent support structure. The contract includes two options—one for installation of ballasted track and special trackwork and one for demolition and removal of existing track. The work will be performed within the Sunnyside Yard/Harold Interlocking area in Queens, New York.

Many bidding opportunities available.

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If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator:

### Times Square, conversion from a three-track to a two-track shuttle operation with a six-car train on each track. The existing platforms will be reconfigured into one twenty-eight foot wide platform

providing vertical accessibility with a new stairway from the shuttle mezzanine to street level, a

Bid Date: August 14, 2018

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**DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS** 42nd Street Shuttle Line Project MTA NYCT Contract No. A-35302/37116

which shall also be extended three hundred sixty feet along the existing track alignment. A second means of egress will be provided at the east end of the extended platform. Work will also include

new Control Area, removing columns, modifying the structural system at all column consolidation locations to redistribute the loads, removing an existing Control Area, stairs P-9 and S-12, relocating columns for proper alignment of car doors and proper passenger flow, new communication rooms at both stations, GCT scrubber room relocation, line GCT employee area, and stair work at GCT. Many bidding opportunities available. If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: Julia.Omanoff@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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CERTIFIED M/WBE/SDVOB SUBCONTRACTORS, VENDORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS Replacement of Roadway Deck in Suspended Spans of the Throgs Neck Bridge Project in the Borough of Queens, New York MTA Bridges and Tunnels Contract No: TN-49

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Throgs Neck Bridge Replacement of Roadway Deck in Suspended Spans MTA Bridges and Tunnels Contract No: TN-49 Bid Date: August 21, 2018 Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Asphalt, Barrier, Bearings, CPM

Haul and Dispose, Highway Lighting, Miscellaneous Metals, MPT, Painting, Paving, Railings, Rebar, Sandblasting, Saw Cutting, Sealing, Signs, Striping, Structural Steel, Surveying, Testing, and Trucking. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.  $Interested\ firms\ please\ contact\ john.papagiannakis@skanska.com \bullet EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled$ 

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Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 9:00 am-11:00 am

Center for Women and Enterprise New Hampshire,

SBA Loan Guarantee Program; 8(a) Business

local US Small Business Administration team

Friday, August 3, 2018, 10:00 pm-1:00 pm Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ Development Program; HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zones) Program; Government Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Contracting Opportunities. The Center for Women and Enterprise is a nationally known nonprofit Administration, Clark Public Library Contact: Megan Kociolek, 732-388-5999 X111, organization dedicated to helping people start and

#### woman-owned businesses in federal government contract awards and large prime subcontract awards. During this two-hour workshop, you will learn all about the different certifications available to small disadvantaged, woman-owned, and service disabled veterans who are ready to do business

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Fee: Free; registration required

with the federal government. These certifications help level the playing field for small business owners and open the door to receive contracts for products or services your company can provide

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30 Temple Street, Suite 610, Sixth Floor, Nashua, NH Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Center for Women and Enterprise Contact: Alexandra Bishop, 603-318-7580, abishop@cweonline.org Fee: Free; registration required Looking for new markets for your small business's goods or services? Consider selling to the federal government. Attend this workshop, led by the US Small Business Administration, to: learn how the federal government purchases goods and services; understand the federal certification process for small business, small disadvantaged business, woman-owned small business, veteran and service disabled business; investigate the 8(a) Business Development Program and HUBZone Program. Small business certifications document a special capability or status. To participate in government contracts, you may need some certifications.



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