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Two Native Americans Offer Healing Solace

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Our visit to the Shinnecock Indian Nation reservation near the eastern end of Long Island unexpectedly confirmed what we had read in a brochure at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Entitled *IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas*, the words and photos memorably illustrate how the tragic common bonds of displacement and oppression have often become empathetic family bonds among Africans and Indians in America.

Honest understanding can bring healing from unimagined sources.

Like other Native Americans, your Small Business Exchange Northeast editors, twin sisters, can share sad stories of loss, indignity, and betrayal experienced by our Chinook Indian ancestors.

For example, our many-greats-grandfather, Chinook Chief Comcomly, welcomed explorers such as Gray and Vancouver, Lewis and Clark, and the Astor Expedition when they reached his territory along the Pacific coast at the mouth of the Columbia River. Within a few decades, ninety percent of the Chinooks had perished from strange diseases introduced by the newcomers.

After Chief Comcomly died, his traditionally flattened skull was stolen from his grave in 1835 and shipped to the Royal Naval Hospital Haslar Museum in England. Damaged by bombing in World War II, it was returned to America in 1953 and eventually to his Columbia River homeland among five generations of his descendants.

A Smithsonian research report, *The Chinook* Sign of Freedom: A Study of the Skull of the Famous Chief Comcomly (1960), recounts the events and evidence that accumulated during this troubling journey of more than a century.

Even today, the Chinook Indian Nation is struggling with indignity. Like the Shinnecocks, our people have been trying for decades to win federal recognition as Native Americans—not, as some might think, so we can sell all of the vices at lower prices on new tribal lands, but for the sake of simple truth, justice, and sovereignty.



The Shinnecock Nation finally gained federal recognition in 2010, one of 574 such tribes. We are not yet there—despite more than two hundred years of peaceable history and the existence not only of our people but also of Chinook salmon; Chinook

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Many bidding opportunities are available: structural steel fabrication, miscellaneous metal fabrication and installation, railings, carpentry, roofing, doors, glass and glazing, painting, signage, bird deterrents, electrical, communication systems, plumbing, noise monitoring, vibration monitoring, vector control, lead abatement, survey, MPT materials, concrete supply, sidewalks, paving, utilities, testing and inspection, H&D/trucking, dumpsters, and CPM scheduling.

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MTA Construction and Development Contract No. C-40355 Bid Date: November 23, 2022

Description of project:

This project consists of the phased demolition and disposal of the existing Jamaica bus depot located in the Borough of Queens, the demolition and disposal of certain commercial properties acquired by MTA, and the construction of a new LEED certified bus depot facility, which consists of a bus depot, a three-story administration building, and an at-grade outdoor bus parking lot. The project also includes the construction of a temporary parking lot at a CUNY York College lot, with the option, exercised at the sole discretion of MTA C&D, of restoring the temporary parking lot to its prior condition.

Many bidding opportunities are available: doors, furniture, gypsum board, millwork, division 10, glass/glazing, masonry, painting, precast architectural concrete walls, metal wall panels, overhead doors, acoustical ceilings, roofing, abatement, spray fireproofing/insulation, stone and porcelain tile, resilient flooring, windows/louvers, waterproofing, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, fire protection, vibration and settlement monitoring, structural steel, miscellaneous metals, guard rails, signage, fencing, asphalt, striping, curbs and sidewalks, landscaping, underground tank removal and disposal, testing and inspections, ready-mix concrete, f+i rebar, industrial equipment.

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Description of Project:

JFK International Airport Central Terminal Area ("CTA"), Roadways, Utilities and Ground Transportation Center ("GTC") Project ("Project", or "RUGTC") is a design-build project which will support the JFK Vision Plan by providing a world class experience to airport users on the landside that meshes seamlessly with the terminal improvements.

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SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar Thursday, December 1, 2022, 9:00 am-11:00 am Online Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administratio

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Selling to the Federal Government Webinar Thursday, January 26, 2023, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Online

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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/secretary-ofstate-quickstart-and-small-business-administration-programs-tickets-262004180557

Getting Registered into the System for Awards Management (SAM.gov)

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 11:00 am–12:00 pm Online Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration,

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