



Two Native Americans Offer Healing Solace

By Leslie McMillan and Marie Sheahan Brown

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 Shinnecoeks, 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 567 such tribes. We are not yet there—despite over two hundred years of peaceable history and the existence not only of our people but also of Chinook salmon; Chinook

Small Business Exchange • Voice of Small, Emerging, Diversity-Owned Businesses Since 1984

[Click to read more](#)



TAPPAN ZEE
CONSTRUCTORS, LLC

An Equal Opportunity Employer / Contractor

TAPPAN ZEE CONSTRUCTORS, LLC

Is seeking DBE firms for Subcontract Opportunities
on the
NEW NY BRIDGE PROJECT
OWNER: NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY
Located in Westchester & Rockland Counties, New York

Subcontract opportunities are primarily available for construction firms, however several support service opportunities also exist.

All interested firms, including DBEs, must register with TZC through the following website to be considered:

www.TappanZeeConstructors.com

TZC Vendor Database
All registered vendors will be added to the TZC Vendor Database, which TZC uses to seek DBE firms for every Subcontract Opportunity.

Technical Review Meetings
Please RSVP for TZC State Police Facility Network Informational Meeting / Meet the Primes Event | 1:30PM-3:30PM on July 20, 2016. MW/DBE and non-MW/DBE vendors interested in attending must be registered for this event.

Contact procurement@tzc-llc.com and RSVP by sending a note with your Company Name, attendees name(s), and telephone number via e-mail. Be sure to put "7/20/16 State Police Facility Event" in the Subject line.

Bonding, Lines of Credit, Insurance Support Services
TZC is willing to assist all DBE subcontractors and suppliers in obtaining access to bonds, lines of credit, and insurance. Please email your request for assistance to DBETeam@TZC-LLC.com.

Main Project Office: **555 White Plains Road, Suite 400 • Tarrytown, NY 10591**

Date Of Monthly Advertisement: July 2016

Railroad Construction Company, Inc.
Contractors • Engineers

LIRR Replacement of Post Avenue Bridge
Contract #6234

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is bidding the Long Island Rail Road project that consists of the replacement of Post Avenue Bridge in Westbury, NY. Work includes but is not limited to the design and construction and complete replacement of the existing two bridge track superstructure with a new three track superstructure to accommodate a future third track.

Bid Date: August 5, 2016
DBE Participation Goal: 17%

We invite all DBE's to contact us at 973-413-1911.

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is seeking subcontractors & vendors in the following categories:

• Abatement	• Materials Testing & Inspection	• Structural Steel Erection
• Aggregates	• Office Facilities & Supplies	• Structural Steel & Misc. Metals
• Construction Materials	• Piles/Caissons	• Survey
• Construction Photography	• Precast Concrete	• Traffic Control
• Contaminated Waste Disposal	• Restoration	• Trucking
• Demolition	• Safety	• Utilities
• Environmental Consulting	• Site Security	• Vibration Monitoring
• Fencing	• Structural Concrete & Reinforcement	• Welding
• Janitorial Services		

For more information please contact Dale Errico at 973-413-1832 or DaleE@rccmail.net Catherine Best at 973-413-1911 or MWDBE@rccmail.net
Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is an EEO/AA Employer

SMALL BUSINESS
EXCHANGE NORTHEAST

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

With a database of over 1.6 million businesses, SBE assists agencies with public legal notices

Advertisements
Placed in various Small Business Exchange Northeast digital publications each month, and at www.sbenortheast.com

Special Follow-Up Services
Custom design and development of services that you need for particular situations such as small business marketing, diversity goal completion, and agency capacity building

Call for more information: 800-800-8534

1984 **32** Years 2016

SMALL BUSINESS
EXCHANGE NORTHEAST

Serving CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT, or any other states that you need to reach

Railroad Construction Company, Inc.
Contractors • Engineers

NYCTA Above Grade Facility Hardening
Contract #E-31683

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is preparing a bid proposal for the NYCTA Above Grade Facility Hardening project consisting of flood mitigation / hardening measures at five fan plant locations in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. The scope of work includes fortification of existing buildings, installation of new cladding and roofing mitigation systems, selective demolition, construction of new foundations, cast-in-place and precast concrete structures, steel framing and strengthening of existing structural elements. Quotes from DBE and non-DBE vendors, suppliers and subcontractors are being sought.

Bid Date: August 5, 2016
DBE Participation Goal: 17%

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is seeking vendors, suppliers and subcontractors in the following categories:

• Aggregates	• Grouting	• Plumbing
• Construction Materials	• HVAC	• Restoration
• Contaminated Waste	• Landscaping	• Roofing
• Disposal	• Louvers and Vents	• Sealants / Waterproofing
• Demolition	• Masonry	• Structural Concrete and Reinforcement
• Doors and Hardware	• Materials Testing and Inspection	• Structural Steel and Misc. Metals
• Drainage	• Metal Decking	• Survey
• Electrical	• Painting and Coating	• Traffic Control
• Engineering	• Pest Control	• Trucking
• Environmental Consulting	• Photography	• Utilities
• Flood Control	• Precast Concrete	
• Glass / Glazing / Storefront		

For more information please contact Dale Errico at 973-413-1832 or Catherine Best at 973-413-1911
mwdb@rccmail.net
Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is an EEO/AA Employer

SMALL BUSINESS
EXCHANGE NORTHEAST

Your partner in building bridges to opportunity