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SDA Advertises Contract for the Second Phase of the New High School in Elizabeth

TRENTON, NJ – Following through on Governor Christie’s demand for sound construction principles and accountability for state dollars, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has advertised a multi-million dollar contract for the construction of a new high school in Elizabeth. The new Elizabeth High School project has advanced in two phases, with this advertisement representing the advancement of the second phase.

“This advertisement demonstrates SDA’s commitment to providing the students of Elizabeth with a new facility on time while providing much needed employment for New Jersey’s construction community,” said CEO Marc Larkins. “The initial site preparation work on Elizabeth High School has concluded and we are committed to maintaining our established schedule for the completion of this school. We look forward to celebrating future project milestones with the Elizabeth community.”

The first phase of work – a \$1,587,500 contract awarded to Luzon Inc. from Sewell, NJ consisted of preparing the project site for the construction of the new high school building. The phase one work is complete and included clearing the site, removal of sub-surface footings and foundations, remediation of areas of concern and importation of certified clean fill that was compacted and graded in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

The 183,822 square-foot, four-story facility designed to educate nearly 1,100 students will be constructed on a 1.54 acre site adjacent to the existing Jefferson High School. This project was selected for advancement as part of the 2011 Capital Project Portfolio. With SDA’s commitment toward standardization of school design, the Elizabeth High School approach is highly efficient and can serve as a model for future school projects with tight urban spaces utilizing small learning communities.

SDA will be issuing a separate advertisement for the procurement of a construction manager for this phase of the project in the coming weeks. For more information on the Elizabeth High School construction advertisement please visit: http://www.njsda.gov/Business/CV/Projects/Projects_NW.asp.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2.2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1B), additional projects in construction (\$198.3M), emergent projects (\$45.9M) and Regular Operating District grants (\$771M in state share).

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