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## Christie Administration Announces Demolition Activities to Clear Site for Future PS 16 in Paterson



PATERSON, NJ – Committed to the advancement of capital projects around the state, Christie Administration officials were on hand to announce the demolition activities at a site in Paterson to make room for a new elementary school. The PS 16 Project was selected for advancement as part of the Schools Development Authority’s (SDA) 2011 Capital Portfolio announced by the Governor in March 2011.

The new PS 16 will replace the existing PS 16 located adjacent to the new school site. The Phase 1 work will prepare a three acre site for the future construction of a new 101,000 square foot elementary school facility that will be designed to educate approximately 650 students from kindergarten through eighth grades. The school will be the fifth new building constructed by the SDA in Paterson, and will help to relieve the overcrowding that exists in the district.

“This construction activity is reflective of the Christie Administration’s commitment to move projects that previously sat dormant,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “PS 16 is one of two projects from the 2011 Capital Portfolio that have advanced in Paterson to help alleviate the severe overcrowding in the district while helping to stimulate the local and state economies. We are excited for the Paterson community and look forward to celebrating future project milestones with the students and their families.”

The site preparation work will advance through two separate contracts. Tricon Enterprises, Inc. of Keyport was awarded a \$1,376,000 general construction contract to demolish 26 commercial/residential structures, removal of any hazardous material, removal of underground and above ground storage tanks, site demolition and controlled backfill to prepare the site for future construction. Another contract will be advertised this year for demolition of the existing PS 16 after the current school year ends. All demolition and associated site work is expected to be completed by January 2014.

In an effort to utilize practices that have previously proven successful by the SDA, the new PS 16 will be constructed using a design-build approach. The design-build method differs from the traditional approach toward bidding projects by allowing the SDA to contract with one firm for both design and construction of a school facilities project. SDA anticipates advertisement of this design-build contract in the second quarter of 2013 and anticipates a project completion in time for the 2016-2017 school year.

The SDA has invested nearly \$294 million in completed projects in Paterson alone since the inception of the school construction program. These include four new facilities – Roberto Clemente Elementary School, Madison Avenue K Center, International High School and PANTHER Academy. Also included are two major addition/renovation projects – PS 24 and PS 25.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$86 million), emergent projects (\$43 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$743 million state share).

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