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Christie Administration Announces Start of Design-Build Contract for New School in Gloucester City

TRENTON, NJ – As the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) strives to deliver an efficient, responsible school construction program, the Christie Administration today announced the start of the design phase of the Design-Build project to build a new Gloucester City Elementary School/Middle School.

“This is a great day for the Gloucester City community, as we move one step closer to the construction of the new school this community has long sought,” said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna. “The advancement of this contract will bring a community school to Gloucester City that will benefit generations of students.”

“We are excited to see progress being made on the construction of a new school for Gloucester City students,” said Superintendent Joseph Rafferty. “The ongoing positive collaboration with the Schools Development Authority will help to produce a building that will greatly bolster our efforts to provide Gloucester City students with exemplary educational opportunities.”

The new 122,000 square-foot school will be designed to educate approximately 685 students in fourth through eighth grades. The school will include 27 general classrooms, eight special education classrooms, three science classrooms, a cafetorium with stage, gymnasium, media center, computer lab and administrative offices.

Terminal Construction Corporation, of Wood Ridge, New Jersey was awarded a \$40 million design-build contract. As part of its design-build engagement, Terminal Construction Corporation will work with Manders Merighi Portadin Farrell Architects, LLC of Vineland, New Jersey on the design. SDA recently issued an advertisement for the procurement of a firm to perform construction management services for the project. More information on that advertisement can be found here: http://www.njsda.com/Business/CV/Projects/Projects_results3.asp?sec=&ContractID=ST-0014-M01&ProjectPackage=ST-0014.

In an effort to utilize practices that have previously proven successful by the SDA, the new Gloucester City E.S./M.S. will be constructed using a design-build approach, with the SDA Kit-of-Parts as its foundation. The design-build method differs from the traditional approach by allowing for some design and construction activities to proceed concurrently through phased advancement.

Construction activities are forecasted to begin in the second quarter of 2015. The building is anticipated for completion prior to the start of school in September 2017. The total estimated SDA project costs for the new school, inclusive of all previous expenditures, are \$64 million.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at more than \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio (more than \$1.5 billion), emergent projects (\$100 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$450 million state share). SDA currently has eleven school facilities project in active construction.

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