



Gerald W. Johnson: Champion of Diversity at 99

By Kato Cooks

Gerald W. Johnson is a living, breathing LEGEND; reserved, dynamic, brilliant. He is a quiet cannon of activism. He is history alive.

Johnson is perhaps best known as co-founder, along with his spouse and business partner, Valerie Voorhies, of the San Francisco-based Small Business Exchange (SBE) newspapers in 1984. SO much happened before that.

On December 1, 1955 (nine months after Claudette Colvin's arrest), which launched the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott. This shot the name of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. into the national consciousness.

In 1967, the Black-owned National Economic Growth and Reconstruction Organization (NEGRO), opened bus routes in Watts, an impoverished area of Los Angeles—this owing to the inferior, when it existed at all, bus service provided to residents.

But in 1946, nine years before Montgomery, Alabama, and nearly twenty years before the 1965 Watts Rebellion, and more than twenty years prior to the NEGRO bus service in Watts, Gerald W. Johnson was handling our business.



police; still, Johnson refused with this retort: "You can call yo' mama. I ain't sittin' behind no sign." Some of us understand.

Prudence prevailed sufficiently for Johnson and his companion to disembark at the next stop

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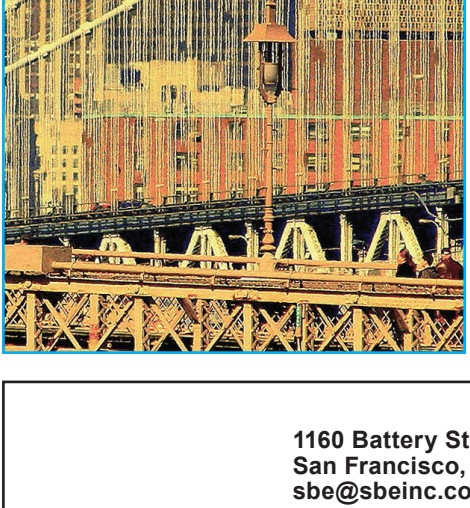
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George Washington Bridge—Rehabilitation of Structural Steel
PANYNJ Contract No. GWB-244.287
Bid Date: February 14, 2024

Brief description of work:
The work under this contract consists generally of rehabilitation of structural steel and concrete, removal of lead and asbestos-containing paint, repainting the underside of the lower level, replacement of maintenance travelers, center median upgrades, and related work at the George Washington Bridge lower level, and above the Hudson River, the New York City Park area, the New Jersey Palisades Interstate Park, and the vicinities thereof in New York and New Jersey. The work under Contract GWB-244.287 consists generally of bridge maintenance, travelers' maintenance, repairs, testing, and system upgrades. GWB-244.287M—Agreement to Perform Maintenance of the George Washington Bridge Maintenance Travelers and Associated Systems.

Participation goals: 20% MBE, 10% WBE, and 3% SDVOB

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Design-Build Services for LIRR West Side Yard Flood Mitigation Measures
MTA Construction and Development Contract No. 6401
Bid Date: February 14, 2024

Description of project:
Design, furnish, construct, and install concrete perimeter flood walls, seepage cut-off barriers below the concrete flood walls, flood gates, deployable flood barriers, sump pumps, a tide gate chamber, drainage system improvements, workable aisles and a diesel generator, an automatic transfer switch, ancillary electrical equipment, and required communications.

This project will develop flood protection solutions for the West Side Yard in order to prevent and mitigate flooding of the LIRR Tunnels. The flood protection along the WSY perimeter will be accomplished via a combination of permanent flood walls and deployable flood barriers.

Many bidding opportunities are available: deep foundations, minipiles, jetgrout, sheeting, rebar installation, concrete supply, site work, electrical work, painting, paving, curb and sidewalk, site utilities.

If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Diversity and Outreach Coordinator: Aislinn.Speranza@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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NYC DEP Contract No. KENS-EAST-1
Bid Date: March 28, 2024

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil/rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, deep foundation system (slurry walls or secant piles, soldier beams), dewatering systems, structural steel, engineering, survey, geotechnical instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site separation, tree removal, aggregates and fill, traffic control, sewer tap and sewer bypass pumping, A/C paving, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, planting and seeding, retaining wall, cured in-place concrete structures, cast-in-place pipe lining, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, shotcrete, concrete finishing, miscellaneous metals, mechanical steel pipe, ventilation HVAC, precast concrete shaft covers, temporary office buildings/services, temporary electricians, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, electrical/I&C, river bank stabilization, drilled shaft, pest control, IT services, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security.

Any business seeking to participate as a DBE in the contract that is not currently certified as set forth above review is encouraged to contact the certifying authority for SBA, New York State, State DOT, New Jersey, or Connecticut to obtain current certification.

NYC DEP has an FTP site where you can view all plans, specifications, and addendums for your convenience. Please contact Aimee Remo at (909) 594-0990, aimee.remo@jfshea.com, to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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Hillview Reservoir Chemical Addition Facilities Project
NYC DEP Contract No. HVR-210
Bid Date: January 25, 2024

Description of project:
The Hillview Reservoir is located in Yonkers, New York and provides balancing and storage of NYC and Yonkers drinking water. The work under this contract includes an upgrade of the existing North Entrance, construction of the two new Chemical Addition Facilities (CAF) buildings (CAF-North and CAF-South), two new electrical service feeds and distribution equipment, new flow measurement, a new SCADA system, and interim structures for chemical systems, water quality monitoring systems, and carry water pumps. Construction of the new CAF buildings includes major support of excavation consisting of secant piles, soldier pile and lagging, tie backs, mass earthwork, mass concrete, and a significant amount of architectural building furnishings and finishes.

Many bidding opportunities are available: electrical, plumbing, HVAC, haul and dispose, on-site trucking, rebar, masonry, fence and guardrail, paving, waterproofing, windows and doors, fill materials, geotechnical instrumentation and monitoring, safety professional, environmental boring and testing, flatwork curb and sidewalk, landscaping, tile, furniture, office trailers, survey, painting, office cleaning, lumber supply, erosion and sedimentation control supplies, jobsite toilets, MPT supplies, site photography and video, rodent control, arborist.

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2024

SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar
Thursday, February 1, 2024, 9:00 am–11:00 am Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division
Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
 Starting a new business? Looking for capital and finance options? Looking for general advice on starting or maintaining your business? Hear from representatives from the local SBA office and the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division. This workshop (currently 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-of-state-quickstart-and-small-business-administration-orientation-tickets-262004180557>

8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 10:30 am–11:30 am Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: SBA Illinois District Office, 312-353-4528, illinois.do@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
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Illinois District Office for a virtual workshop providing an overview of the 8(a) Business Development program, eligibility requirements, and program benefits. Also learn how to increase your potential for federal contract opportunities through System for Award Management (SAM) registration, including information that you need for the registration process. SBA presenters will offer additional tips, address FAQs, give directions on where to get further assistance, and answer your other questions. To register for this free webinar, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8a-orientation-sam-registration-tickets-5189961947>

Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
Thursday, March 28, 2024, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
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