



# New York Amsterdam News, Old and New

**By New York Amsterdam News**

*Editor's note: During Black History Month, we at Small Business Exchange Northeast would like to recognize the incomparable work of New York Amsterdam News in reporting that history, and continuing to do so, for more than a century. This article reproduces the "About Us" page on their website, which we encourage you to visit: [www.amsterdamnews.com](http://www.amsterdamnews.com). You may also wish to consider subscribing.*

The *New York Amsterdam News* was started more than a century ago, with a \$10 investment. It has gone on to become one of the most important Black newspapers in the country and today remains one of the most influential Black-owned and -operated media businesses in the nation, if not the world.

On December 4, 1909, James H. Anderson put out the first edition of the *Amsterdam News* with six sheets of paper, a lead pencil, a dressmaker's table, and that \$10 investment. The *Amsterdam News* was one of only fifty Black newspapers

in the country at that time. Copies were sold for two cents apiece from his home at 132 West 65th Street in Manhattan. The paper was named after the avenue where Anderson lived in New York's San Juan Hill section of Manhattan.

By 1910, as Blacks began the Great Exodus from the South, moving into big cities like Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York's Village of Harlem, so grew the success of the *Amsterdam News*, so much so that Anderson soon moved the paper uptown to 17 West 135th Street. Still growing, the *AmNews* moved again in 1916 to 2293 Seventh Avenue. The next move came in 1938 to 2271 Seventh Avenue until, in the early 1940s, it relocated to its present address at 2340 Frederick Douglass Boulevard in Harlem.

In 1926, publisher Edward Warren's wife, Sadie, purchased the paper. It struggled for survival until 1935, when it was bought by two of the nation's foremost Black entrepreneurs, Dr. Cielan Bethan Powell and Dr. Phillip M. H. Savory of the Powell Savory Corporation. Powell assumed the role of publisher. During Powell's tenure, the *Amsterdam News* expanded its reach, reporting not only on



local stories that were important to the Black community, but national news stories as well. The *AmNews* reported on the fight for equality during the Jim Crow era, the events of the Civil Rights Movement, the Montgomery Bus Boycott

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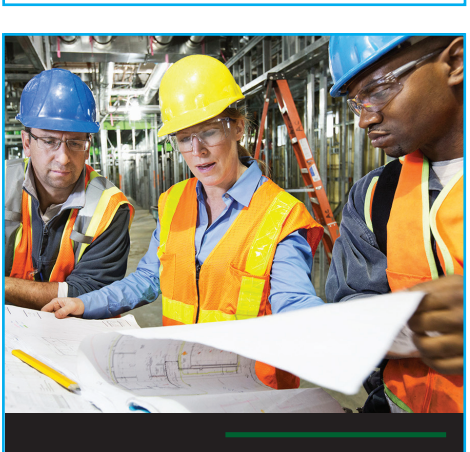
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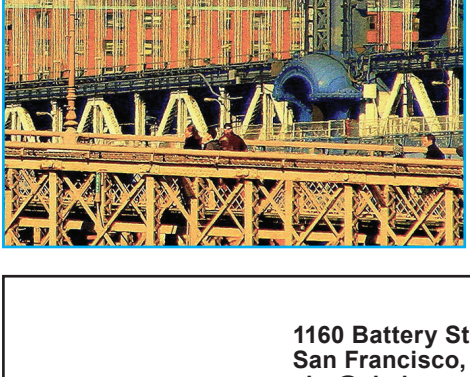
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### Turner

IS HOSTING INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR THE GSA SILVIO J. MOLLO FEDERAL BUILDING PROJECT. JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL SESSION AND IN-PERSON SESSION TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROJECT, UPCOMING BID PACKAGES AND SCHEDULE.

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	Virtual Session: Tuesday, 2/13/2024 11AM - 12PM EST <a href="#">Click to register</a>	Scan to register: 	In-Person Session: March 2024 Location and Time TBD <a href="#">Click to register</a>
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**Description of Project:**  
 The GSA Silvio Mollo modernization project will renovate and provide new offices for the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's office (USAO) for the Southern District of New York. The scope of the project includes a major rehabilitation of the existing 10 story building. This will also include demolition of all existing components down to the base structure, new MEP systems, a full interior fit-out, a new curtain wall and metal panel facade, enhanced security measures, and expansion of the existing building floor plates. The project is also pursuing LEED Platinum certification.

If you are interested in Turner Construction's Prequalification process and bidding information on this project, please email [gsasilviomollo@tcco.com](mailto:gsasilviomollo@tcco.com).

## Tutor Perini

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**IS CURRENTLY SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED MBE, WBE, AND SDVOB SUBCONTRACTORS, VENDORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**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**

**ALL QUOTATIONS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS Wednesday, February 7, 2024.** For further information concerning subcontracting and/or purchasing opportunities, and to register as a subcontractor or vendor, please respond to solicitations@tutorperini.com or contact Arlene McBayne at (914) 739-1908. Come and join our team!

## SKANSKA

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**IS SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM NEW YORK STATE DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS**

**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](mailto:Aislinn.Speranza@skanska.com) • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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**City of Valhalla, New York, with the following certifying authority:**  
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**Inviting qualified contractors, specifically firms within New York State, to contact J. F. Shea Construction, Inc. (prime contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with**

**Tunnel and Shafts Project in the City of Valhalla, New York**  
 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 preparation, 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](mailto:aimee.remo@jfshea.com), to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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## NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

### 2024

**8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration Webinar**  
 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](mailto:illinois.do@sba.gov)**  
**Fee: Free; registration required**  
 Join the Small Business Administration (SBA) 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-518989961947>

**SBA and SOS Webinar**  
 Thursday, March 7, 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](mailto: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-programs-tickets-262004180557>

**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](mailto:george.tapia@sba.gov)**  
**Fee: Free; registration required**  
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