



History Month: African Americans and Labor

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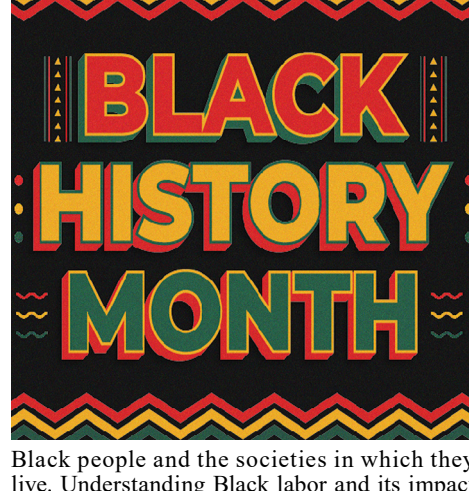
The mission of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is to promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information about Black life, history, and culture to the global community.

When Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week in 1926, he realized the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention of the public. The intention has never been to dictate or limit the exploration of the Black experience but to bring to the public's attention important developments that merit emphasis.

The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds—free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary—intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country

colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor's role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people's work has been transformational throughout the United States, Africa, and the Diaspora. The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans and Labor, sets out to highlight and celebrate the potent impact of this work.

Considering Black people's work through the widest perspectives provides versatile and insightful platforms for examining Black life and culture through time and space. In this instance, the notion of work constitutes compensated labor in factories, the military, government agencies, office buildings, public service, and private homes. But it also includes the community building of social justice activists, voluntary workers serving others, and institution building in churches, community groups, and social clubs and organizations. In each of these instances, the work Black people do and have done have been instrumental in shaping the lives, cultures, and histories of



Black people and the societies in which they live. Understanding Black labor and its impact in all these multivariate settings is integral to understanding Black people and their histories, lives, and cultures.

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Design-Build Services for the Main Cable Dehumidification at the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge in the Borough of New York Project
 MTA Construction and Development Contract No. VN-8Q
 Bid Date: March 18, 2025

Description of work:

1. Installation of a main cable dehumidification system on the four cables of the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge;
2. Replacement of the cable band bolts throughout all four main cables;
3. Internal main cable inspection of 12 panels;
4. Internal inspection of four additional main cable panels as directed by the PCEO;
5. Replacement of the messenger cables on the main cables;
6. Replacement of the aerial obstruction lights and supports on the main cables;
7. Installation and removal of temporary main cable access platforms necessary to perform the work;
8. Provide maintenance and protection of traffic throughout the project;
9. Installation of an acoustic monitoring system on all four cables;
10. Replacement and painting of all hand ropes and stanchions on all four cables;
11. Maintenance and monitoring of the main cable dehumidification system for five (5) years after commissioning and system acceptance; and
12. Maintenance and monitoring of the acoustic monitoring system for 5 years after commissioning and system acceptance.

Goals: 15% MBE, 15% WBE, 6% SDVOB

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Rehabilitation of Primary Settling Tanks and Ancillary Facilities at North River WRRF
 NYC DEP Contract No. NR-111
 Bid Date: February 13, 2025

Description of project:

The scope of work at the North River WRRF includes the replacement of the eight PST sludge collection system mechanisms, rehabilitation of the PST interior concrete structures, and improvements to related PST systems, such as the influent channel motorized slide gates, the primary sludge pumps, scum collection and concentration system, and the grit suspension pumps. The scope also includes replacement of the two SCT collection mechanisms and rehabilitation of the SCT interior concrete structures.

Many bidding opportunities are available: CPM scheduling, progress photos, pest control, demolition, spall repair and crack repair, sawcutting, structural concrete, rebar supply and installation, survey, masonry, miscellaneous metals, roofing, doors, mechanical pumps and equipment, HVAC, hazardous material removals, piping, electrical, I&C, office cleaning, trailer rental.

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Midtown Bus Terminal Replacement Program Construction Services for the Staging and Storage Facility and Ramp Structure Project
 PANYNJ RFP No. 62272
 Bid Date: February 13, 2025

Brief description of work:

The project's scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the preparation for construction and the construction of the SSF and associated ramp structure that serves the SSF, underground utility work and relocations, demolition of existing car and bus ramps, and construction of a new temporary ramping system to facilitate and maintain an uninterrupted operation at the existing main terminal. Once the project is completed, the SSF and ramp structure will serve as a temporary terminal for the duration of the existing PABT demolition and construction of the new main terminal. The Port Authority expects zero impacts to all existing operations, inclusive of all city street and tunnel traffic.

Invitation to Bid for DBE and SDVOB firms

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Design-Build Services for LIRR West Side Yard Flood Mitigation Measures
 MTA Construction and Development Contract No. 6401
 Bid Date: April 3, 2025

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.

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 Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:30 am–12:00 pm Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: SBA@illinois.gov, 312-353-4528, illinois.do@illinois.gov
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Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
 Thursday, February 27, 2025, 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)
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