



**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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 Thursday, February 20, 2025  
 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM  
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For more information about this event, email [nycfc@tcco.com](mailto:nycfc@tcco.com)

Please join Turner and the NYC Football Club for a Workforce Resource Expo at the Bulova Corporate Center in Queens as part of the NYCFC Project. The outreach initiative's goal is to inform the community and raise awareness about the trades. The message will come directly from unions, trade partners, and organizations that offer pre-apprenticeship programs.

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**Design-Build Services for the Main Cable Dehumidification at the Verrazano 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 Verrazano 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**

**ALL QUOTATIONS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS Tuesday, March 11, 2025.** Proposal bid date March 18, 2025. For further information concerning subcontracting and/or purchasing opportunities, and to register as a subcontractor or vendor, please respond to [solicitations@tutorperini.com](mailto:solicitations@tutorperini.com) or contact Arlene McBayne at (914) 739-1908. Come and join our team!

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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.

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

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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.

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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**Selling to the Federal Government Webinar**  
 Thursday, February 27, 2025, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Online  
**Online 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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**Federal Contracting: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification Program Webinar**  
 Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm Online  
**Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration**  
**Contact: Patrice Dozier, [patrice.dozier@sba.gov](mailto:patrice.dozier@sba.gov)**  
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 Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:30 am–12:00 pm Online  
**Online Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration**  
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