



Vote Smart's Free, Factual, Unbiased Info

By Vote Smart

Editor's note: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is Election Day. This article offers information that you can find on the nonpartisan Vote Smart website. We encourage you to read the article, visit the website (https://www.votestart.org), and vote.

Vote Smart provides free, factual, unbiased information on candidates and elected officials. Every day, we are bombarded by too much information. Much of it, we would be right to distrust. Misinformation and deception are never far from the headlines. A few decades ago, Americans struggled to have access to information on politics. Today, we struggle with too much and little of it is trusted.

Picture this: a source of trusted information, unbiased and nonpartisan, free to every American every day of every year. Picture this gift being given by ordinary people funding ordinary citizens working to collect, test, verify, and share the most valuable facts needed to be a full participant in our democracy.

This is what we do at Vote Smart

Started over thirty years ago by Presidents Ford and Carter and other political leaders, Republicans, Democrats, and independents alike, each leader knew our democracy depends on Americans having the trusted, factual tools needed to resist deception, manipulation, and division based on lies and emotional appeals.

Our founding president, Richard Kimball, led this effort from the beginning and united leaders, politicians, educators, and others to create this special tool for the American people.

From Arizona to Oregon to Massachusetts to Montana to Iowa, Vote Smart has done this work longer than any other unbiased project funded by ordinary citizens.

When you are ready, head over to see all our voter tools for you to use.

How did an elected official vote? We have those facts.

How did they fund their campaign? We can tell you where they got their money.

What is their previous experience to run for office? We've got their full resume.



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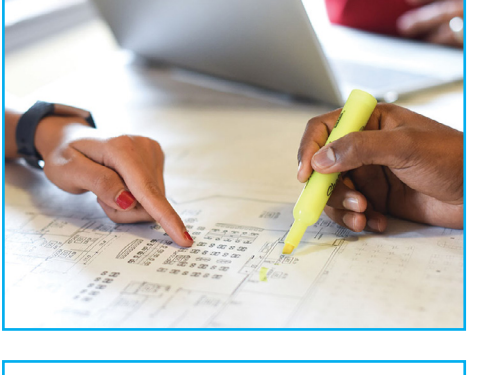
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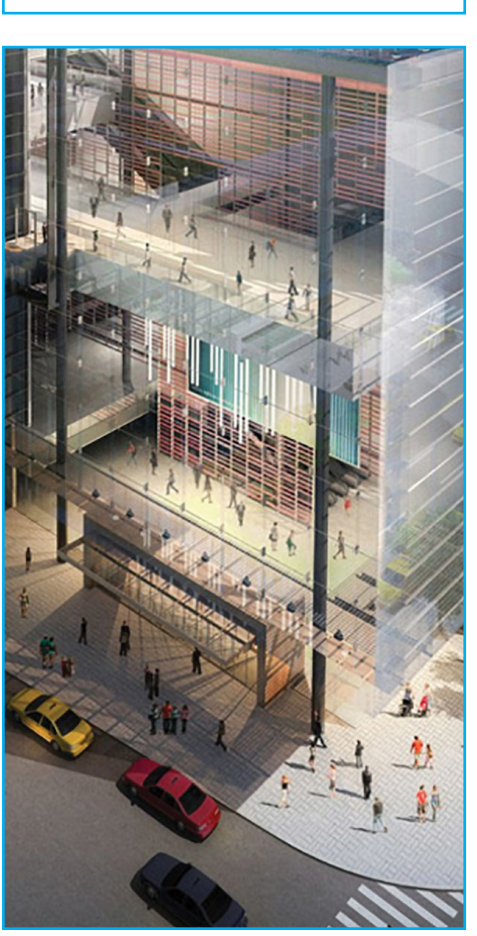
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IS CURRENTLY SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED DBE AND SDVOB SUBCONTRACTORS, VENDORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS

Midtown Bus Terminal Replacement Program Construction Services for the Staging and Storage Facility and Ramp Structure Project

PANYNJ RFP No. 62272
 Bid Date: December 4, 2024

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
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!

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Manhattan Tunnel Project
 Gateway Development Commission RFP No. GDC23-005
 Bid Date: November 22, 2024

Description of project:
The Manhattan Tunnel consists of two separate mined tunnels to be constructed utilizing Sequential Excavation Methods ("SEM") tunneling techniques in combination with in-situ ground improvements (e.g., ground freezing and jet grouting) from about 50 feet west of the Manhattan Bulkhead ("Bulkhead") to an interface with the HYCC-3, within the Hudson Yards. The construction of two sets of shafts for support of tunnel excavation: the Temporary Shafts (located by the Manhattan bulkhead) and the 12th Avenue Shaft.

Many bidding opportunities are available: geotechnical instrumentation, haul and dispose soil, rodent control, photography, rebar fabrication, electrical sub, soil and water sampling, park restoration, office trailers, fencing, curbs and sidewalks, site work, security guard service, utility work, QA/QC inspections.

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

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Manhattan Tunnel Project through a Design-Build Agreement in Manhattan, New York
 Manhattan Tunnel is a Package of the Larger Hudson Tunnel Gateway Project
 Gateway Development Commission RFP No. GDC23-005
 Bid Date: November 22, 2024

Brief description of work:
Work consists of two separate mined tunnels to be constructed utilizing Sequential Excavation Methods ("SEM") tunneling techniques in combination with in-situ ground improvements (e.g., ground freezing and jet grouting) from about 50 feet west of the Manhattan Bulkhead to an interface with the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing. Also included are design and engineering disciplines, demolition, hauling, concrete, utility work, road construction, paving, line striping, traffic signal, traffic control, park construction, fencing, community outreach, inspection and testing, security, and instrumentation.

The DBE Participation goal for the project is 12%

ALL QUOTATIONS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS Thursday, October 31, 2024.
Proposal bid date November 22, 2024, time 2:00 pm. 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.

For questions or inquiries regarding the job, contact Scott Wilson, Senior Estimator, at (661) 305-8335 or swilson@frontierkemper.com.

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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 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 protection 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

NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

2024

Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
 Thursday, November 14, 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

Did you know that the federal government is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the world? Interested in learning how your business can market your services or goods to the federal government? Register on line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-sell-to-the-federal-government-tickets-21790713611> SBA helps to share small businesses get fair opportunities to ensure federal government fair contracts. Topics will include: How to Register, Small Business Certifications, Finding Opportunities, Marketing Your Firm, Federal Supply Schedules, Getting Paid, Tips to Prepare Your Offer, How to Seek Additional Assistance. All training sessions are held via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Participants must use Microsoft Teams is functioning.

Federal Contracting: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification Program Webinar
 Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 2:00 pm–3:30 pm Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: Patrice Dozier, patrice.dozier@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

Welcome to the WOSB webinar series! Are you a woman owner of a small business? The federal government's goal is to award at least five percent of all federal contracting dollars to woman-owned small businesses each year. Join us for training on how to register for SBA's Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) program, which helps eligible small businesses to qualify for federal contracting opportunities. The monthly sessions will include an overview of the self-certification process, as well as a discussion of the NAICS codes that qualify as WOSB or EDWOSB. Register for this free webinar at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wom-an-owned-small-business-wosb-certification-program-tickets-853224426227>

8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration Webinar
 Wednesday, November 20, 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

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-51899961947>