



Celebrating Fourth of July and Juneteenth

By Jeff Thomas

Editor's note: We are publishing this although Juneteenth has passed. Jeff Thomas enlightens by disclosing the unity in both celebrations, a unity that is beyond the months of June and July.

In the United States, two significant holidays reflect the nation's complex and diverse history: Juneteenth and the Fourth of July. While the Fourth of July has been celebrated by many Americans since the country's founding, Juneteenth has only recently gained recognition as a national holiday. Both days are deeply intertwined with the American values of freedom and liberty, and it is important for all Americans, including white Americans, to celebrate and understand the significance of both.

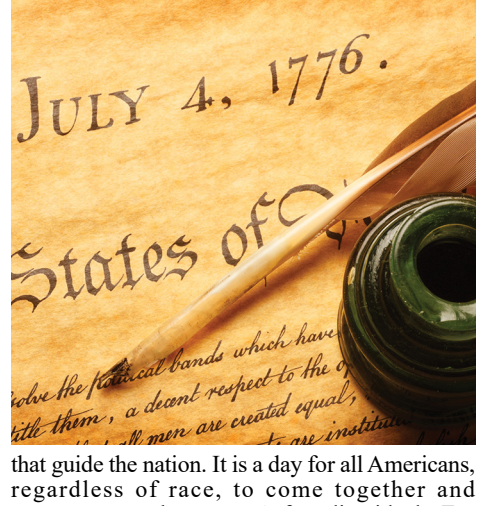
Juneteenth
 Juneteenth, observed on June Nineteenth, commemorates the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and the abolition of slavery, as decreed by the Emancipation Proclamation two

and a half years earlier. This day marks a pivotal moment in American history when the nation took a significant step toward fulfilling its foundational promise of liberty for all.

Fourth of July
 The Fourth of July, or Independence Day, is celebrated on July Fourth and marks the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It is a day that symbolizes the birth of the United States as an independent nation and the beginning of its journey toward democracy and freedom.

For white Americans, celebrating Juneteenth is an opportunity to acknowledge and honor the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans in the pursuit of equality and justice. It is a time to reflect on the ongoing struggle against racial injustice and to commit to the ideals of liberty and equality that benefit all citizens. By recognizing the significance of Juneteenth, white Americans can show solidarity with their fellow citizens and help foster a more inclusive and understanding society.

Similarly, the Fourth of July is a celebration of independence and the democratic principles



that guide the nation. It is a day for all Americans, regardless of race, to come together and commemorate the country's founding ideals. For white Americans, it is also a chance to appreciate the diverse contributions that have shaped the nation.

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Design-Build Services for LIRR West Side Yard Flood Mitigation Measures
 MTA Construction and Development Contract No. 6401
 Bid Date: July 26, 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.

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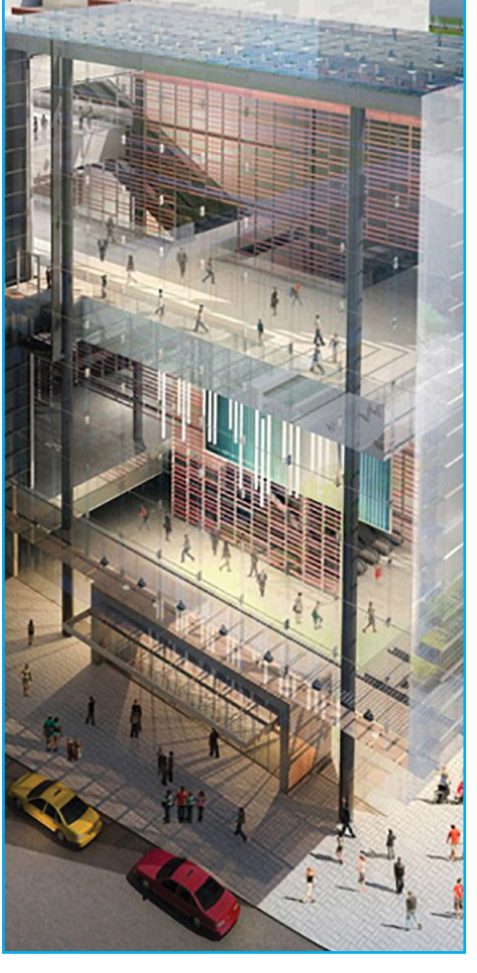
NJ TRANSIT-Delco Lead, County Yard Improvements, Storage and Inspection Facility GC.02 Superstorm Sandy Recovery Program Project
 NJ TRANSIT IFB No. 0000004
 Bid Date: August 8, 2024

Brief description of work:
 The Delco Lead and County Yard Expansion is a multifaceted project that would address the operations, storage, and resiliency needs along the NEC and provide a safe haven for cars in the event of a major storm or flooding event. The project is the reconstruction of the existing Delco Lead track and the construction of adjacent track from County Yard to North Brunswick for the storage of NJ TRANSIT trains in the event of severe weather.

The project consists of 3.20 miles of rail and catenary construction in an area adjacent to the Northeast Corridor called the Delco Lead ("Delco") and another 1.27 miles containing a new electrified rail yard with five 2,200-foot-long storage and inspection tracks along with a 1,250-foot-long Service and Inspection facility building called County Yard ("Yard").

Invitation to Bid for DBE Participation 12%

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AirTrain Newark Replacement Program—Guideway and Stations Project
 in the City of Newark, New Jersey
 PANYNJ RFP No. 6000001763
 Bid Date: August 9, 2024

Brief description of work:
 The New AirTrain will replace the existing AirTrain, which opened in 1996, has outlived its useful life, and does not currently provide customers with the modern customer service amenities and service reliability expected of a world-class automated people mover (APM) system. The New AirTrain will include three new stations, and connect to the new modern Terminal A, the future Terminal B (currently Terminal B), the Airport's new ConRAC facility, and the Northeast Corridor Rail Link Station, linking AirTrain customers to regional rail and light rail networks, and thereby encouraging customers and Airport employees to use public transit to and from the Airport. The New AirTrain will be designed to maximize customer convenience with seamless connections to other forms of transportation and provide modern amenities in AirTrain stations and in vehicles (e.g., high-speed Wi-Fi, count-down clocks, and real-time flight information) to enhance the customer's end-to-end journey.

Invitation to Bid for M/W/SDVOB/LBE Firms: MBE 20%, WBE 10%, SDVOB 3%, and LBE 10%

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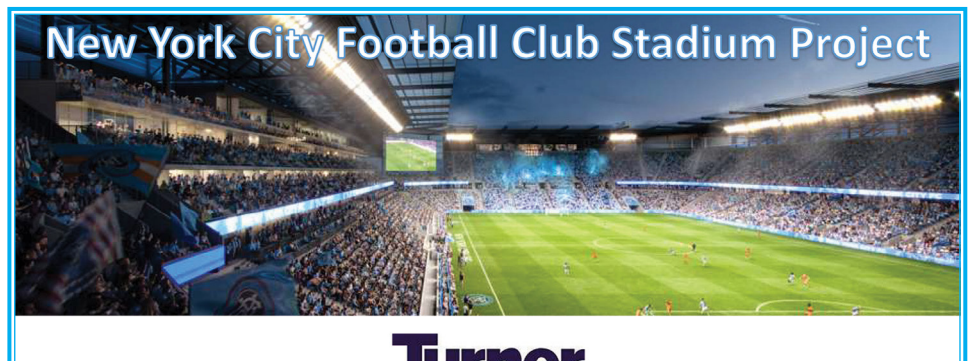
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Construction Services for the New York City Football Club Stadium Project

Description of Project: The project consists of an over 600,000 GSF open-air soccer stadium with an approximate 25,000-seat capacity including State-of-the-art video, scoreboards, & sound system. The stadium will be located adjacent to Citi Field in Flushing Queens, NY. The Stadium will also be the location of the NYCFC and City in the Community Non-Profit Headquarters. This project will include concrete, structural steel, HVAC, Electrical, Fire Protection, and much more.

Available Opportunities and Bidding Dates:

- Exterior Wall Trades – Package to be released April 2024
- MEP Trades – Package to be released 3rd Quarter 2024
- Architectural Trades – Packages to be released 3rd and 4th Quarter 2024

If you are interested in getting involved in the construction portion of this project, please scan the below QR code and fill out the attached form. All questions should be directed to NYCFC@TCCO.COM

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 Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 10:30 am–11:30 am Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: sba@illinois.gov, 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-518989961947>

Federal Contracting: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program Webinar
 Thursday, July 18, 2024, 10:00 am–11:00 am Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcome-to-wosb-webinar-tickets-482397041537>
 Fee: Free; registration required

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Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
 Thursday, July 25, 2024, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: George.Tapia@sb.gov, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

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