



# Just and Equitable Green Economy Transition

By Ben Jealous

“What good is a dollar an hour more in wages if your neighborhood is burning down? What good is another week’s vacation if the lake you used to go to is polluted and you can’t swim in it and the kids can’t play in it?”

Those were questions posed by legendary labor leader Walter Reuther. Reuther was the president of the United Auto Workers union (UAW) during the first Earth Day in 1970. UAW not only wrote the first check in support of Earth Day, it also contributed mightily to the national organizing effort for the inaugural holiday we still celebrate today.

On Earth Day 1993, I gave my first major speech, on behalf of the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC). It was at rally opposing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The experience taught me firsthand how the movements to protect our planet and the rights of working people are tightly linked.

We just celebrated Labor Day in what is projected to be the hottest year on record. It is a great

time to celebrate the relationship between labor and the environmental movement. And a time to remember we have the tools to make sure the transition to a clean energy economy does not leave workers behind.

A just transition means creating good green jobs and protecting workers’ rights. It means ensuring workers have a center seat at the table when discussing climate policy. It means providing workers the training and support they need to ensure they are ready to work in emerging green industries and making sure they are taken care of in the meantime. And it means investing in the communities directly impacted by the transition.

Last year, Michigan provided the nation with a template for how to get this done. The state’s Clean Energy and Jobs Package is a bold effort to aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support a rapid transition to clean energy by making sure workers in the automobile, energy, and other sectors benefit.

In our many overlapping movements for progress and justice, it almost always comes down to a battle between organized people and organized



money. And organized money has been trying to break up the important friendship between labor and environmentalists for a long time.

We saw this during the debate on Michigan’s historic climate and jobs legislation. Environmental

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 Gateway Development Commission RFP No. GDC23-005  
 Bid Date: November 7, 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](mailto:Aislinn.Speranza@skanska.com) • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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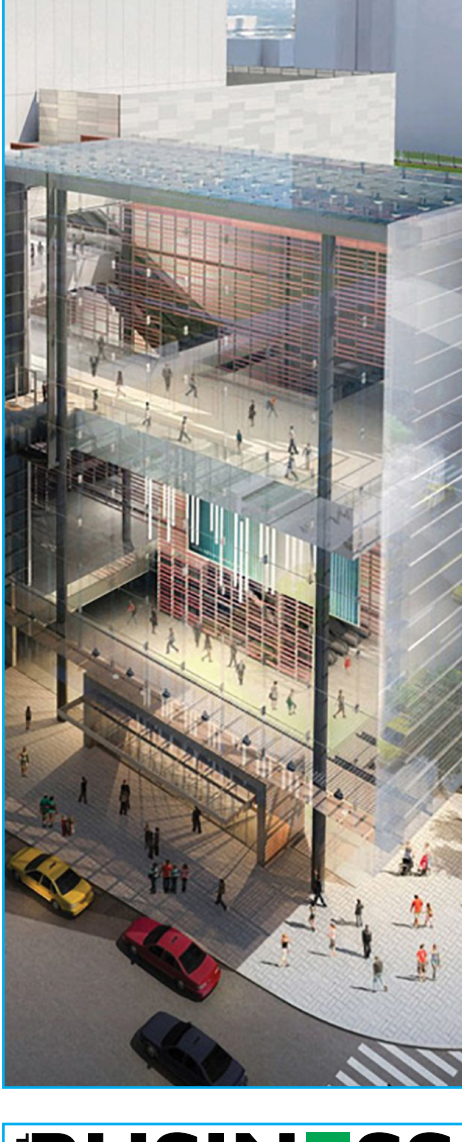
**Design-Build Services for LIRR West Side Yard Flood Mitigation Measures**  
 MTA Construction and Development Contract No. 6401  
 Bid Date: February 3, 2025

**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 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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**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](mailto:NYCFC@TCCO.COM)

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 Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm  
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**Federal Webinars: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program Webinar**  
 Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 2:00 pm–3:30 pm  
 Online  
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration  
 Contact: [Patrice.Dozier@sba.gov](mailto:Patrice.Dozier@sba.gov), 610-382-3086,  
 patrice.dozier@sba.gov  
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