



# Why Do People Celebrate Cinco de Mayo?

By History Channel

Cinco de Mayo—or the fifth of May—is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). A relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.

**Benito Juárez**  
 In 1861, Benito Juárez—a lawyer and member of the indigenous Zapotec tribe—was elected president of Mexico. At the time, the country was in financial ruin after years of internal strife, and the new president was forced to default on debt payments to European governments.

In response, France, Britain, and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz, Mexico, demanding repayment. Britain and Spain negotiated with Mexico and withdrew their forces.

France, however, ruled by Napoleon III, decided to use the opportunity to carve an empire out of Mexican territory. Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, landing a large force of troops and driving President Juárez and his government into retreat.

**The Battle of Puebla**  
 Certain that success would come swiftly, six thousand French troops under General Charles Latrille de Lorencez set out to attack Puebla de los Angeles, a small town in east central Mexico. From his new headquarters in the North, Juárez rounded up a ragtag force of two thousand loyal men—many of them either indigenous Mexicans or of mixed ancestry—and sent them to Puebla.

The vastly outnumbered and poorly supplied Mexicans, led by Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza, fortified the town and prepared for the French assault. On May 5, 1862, Lorencez gathered his army—supported by heavy artillery—before the city of Puebla and led an assault.

The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening, and when the French finally retreated,



they had lost nearly five hundred soldiers. Fewer than one hundred Mexicans had been killed in the clash.

Although not a major strategic win in the overall war against the French, Zaragoza's success

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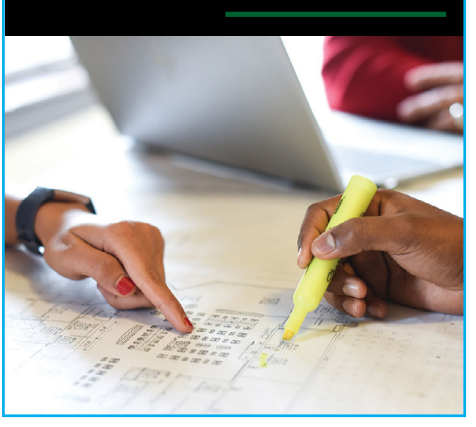
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**Bid Date: May 23, 2024**  
**Brief description of work:**  
 Work consists of 5100' of twin tunnels, cross passages, portal and shaft excavation, shoring, site work, access road, utility work, field offices, fencing, and noise barriers.  
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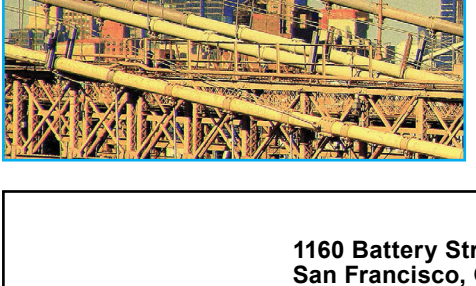
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**NJ TRANSIT IFB No. 0000004**  
**Bid Date: June 6, 2024**  
**Brief description of work:**  
 The Delco Lead and County Yard Expansion is a multifaceted project that would address the operations, storage, and resiliency needs along the NEC and provide 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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 Administrative and proposal bid date June 6, 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. Come and join our team!

**New York City Football Club Stadium Project**

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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](mailto:NYCFC@TCCO.COM)  
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**Inviting qualified contractors, specifically firms within New York State, to contact J. F. Shea Construction, Inc. (prime contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with Tunnel and Shafts Project in the City of Valhalla, New York**  
**NYC DEP Contract No. KENS-EAST-1**  
**Bid Date: June 27, 2024**

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Any business seeking to participate as a DBE in the contract that is not currently certified as set forth above review is encouraged to contact the certifying authority for SBA, New York State, State DOT, New Jersey, or Connecticut to obtain current certification.

NYC DEP has an FTP site where you can view all plans, specifications, and addendums for your convenience. Please contact Aimee Remo at (909) 594-0990, aimee.remo@jfshea.com, to receive instructions on accessing the FTP site.

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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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**Online**  
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