



NEWS

INFO BIDS



Volume 41, Edition 21E • May 22, 2025

Published by SBE, Inc. • DBE/MBE/SBE

New York Small Business, Consumer Protection

By New York Attorney General

NEW YORK—The FAIR Business Practices Act will strengthen New York's consumer protection law, help lower costs, reduce junk fees, and stop predatory lenders. The legislation follows federal cuts and weakening of national

consumer protection agencies.

On May 21, New York Attorney General Letitia James joined supporters to rally for the passage of the Fostering Affordability and Integrity through Reasonable Business Practices, or FAIR Business Practices Act, a program bill from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and sponsored in the state legislature by Senator Leroy Comrie and Assemblymember Micah Lasher. This legislation will strengthen New York's consumer protection law, GBL §349, to protect New Yorkers from predatory lending, abusive debt collection, junk fees, artificial intelligence (AI)-based schemes, online phishing scams, hard-to-cancel subscriptions, data breaches, and other unfair, deceptive, and abusive practices. Forty-two other states and federal law already prohibit unfair practices, making New York's current law both antiquated and inadequate. "As the federal government steps back from

protecting consumers and small businesses, New York must step up to help working families and Main Street businesses," said Attorney General James. "The FAIR Business Practices Act will protect small businesses from predatory lenders, homeowners from bad mortgage servicers, patients from abusive debt collection, and much more. This legislation will strengthen New York's consumer protection laws to stop businesses from taking advantage of New Yorkers. I look forward to working with my partners in the state legislature to get this legislation passed." The FAIR Business Practices Act would also

help stop lenders, including auto lenders, mortgage servicers, and student loan servicers, from deceptively steering people into higher-cost loans. It would reduce unnecessary and hidden fees, stop unfair billing practices by health care companies, and prevent companies from taking advantage of New Yorkers with limited English proficiency.



With the federal government rolling back protections for consumers and small businesses, the FAIR Business Practices Act authorizes OAG and victims to seek civil penalties and restitution against businesses that use unfair, deceptive, or abusive

Small Business Exchange • Voice of Small, Emerging, Diversity-Owned Businesses Since 1984

Click to read more



American Bridge Company is seeking DBE subcontractors, suppliers

Click for details

BUSIN SBE OUTREACH SERVICES

With over 1.6 million businesses in our active

database—the country's largest non-public diversity database—SBE sets the professional standard for diversity outreach across the nation. For more than four decades, we have served small businesses, prime contractors, and agencies—with proven results. Advertisements

Placed in various Small Business Exchange Northeast digital publications each month,

and at www.sbenortheast.com Fax, Email, and Postal Solicitations Targeted mailings sent to businesses chosen

according to your criteria **Live Call Center Follow-Up** Telephone follow-up calls using a script of

five questions that you define **Computer Generated Reports**

Complete documentation that will fit right into your proposal, along with a list of interested firms to contact

Special Services Custom design and development of services

that you need for particular situations such as small business marketing, diversity goal completion, and agency capacity building Call for more information: 800-800-8534







Special Follow-Up Services Custom design and development of services

that you need for particular situations such as small business marketing, diversity goal

completion, and agency capacity building Call for more information: 800-800-8534

BUSINESS EXCHANGE NORTHEAST







SKANSKA USA CIVIL IS SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM NEW YORK STATE DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS

SKANSKA

Design-Build Services for Second Avenue Subway, Phase 2-Tunneling and Structural Shell Project MTA Construction and Development Contract No. C-26202

Bid Date: June 23, 2025 **Description of project:** This contract is the second contract of Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway Program. Phase 1 of the program extended the Q Line subway service from 63rd Street and Lexington Avenue to 96th Street and 2nd Avenue and has been open to the public since 2017.

tunnel constructed in the 1970s, the construction of two bored running tunnels and associated cross passages, and for the construction of the structural shells for the 116th Street and 125th Stations and associated construction of shafts and adits at the future ancillary and entrance sites, and for the construction of the shaft and adits at the end of tail-track tunnels. Many bidding opportunities are available: geotechnical instrumentation, haul and dispose soil, rodent control, photography, rebar fabrication, electrical sub, soil and water sampling, office trailers, fencing, curbs and sidewalks, site work, security guard service, utility work, QA/QC

inspections, CPM, MPT, road paving, striping, survey, landscaping, building demo, SOE/ground

Phase 2 of the program will extend the Q Line subway service from the 96th Street Station to 125th Street and Lexington Avenue. This contract will be for the rehabilitation of an existing MTA

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



improvements, lead and asbestos abatement.

Embracing Innovation Government & Business

Expo

Celebrating

Client Success!

FRIDAY

REGISTER **HERE**

JUNE 27, 2025 8:30am - 2:00pm

E Building Atrium

31-10 Thomson Avenue, Queens, NY 11101

LaGuardia Community College









small businesses

SBTRC



IS SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM NEW YORK STATE DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS Design-Build Services for LIRR West Side Yard Flood Mitigation Measures

MTA Construction and Development Contract No. 6401 Bid Date: June 27, 2025

Description of project: Design, furnish, construct, and install concrete perimeter flood walls, seepage cut-off barriers

and mitigate flooding of the LIRR Tunnels. The flood protection along the WSY perimeter will

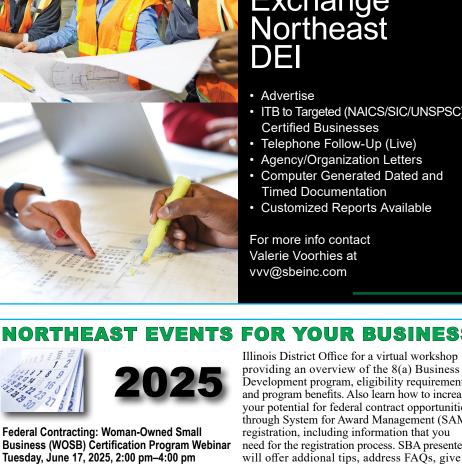
be accomplished via a combination of permanent flood walls and deployable flood barriers.

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

Coordinator: Aislinn.Speranza@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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

Small



Exchange Northeast Advertise ITB to Targeted (NAICS/SIC/UNSPSC) **Certified Businesses** Telephone Follow-Up (Live)

Business

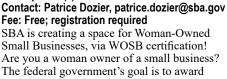
Timed Documentation Customized Reports Available

For more info contact Valerie Voorhies at vvv@sbeinc.com

Agency/Organization Letters

ENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS Illinois District Office for a virtual workshop

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



Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration

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 include an overview of the self-certification process, and a discussion of the NAICS codes that qualify as WOSB or EDWOSB. Register at https://www.eventbrite. com/e/woman-owned-small-business-wosb-

8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration Webinar Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration

Contact: SBA Illinois District Office, 312-353-4528,

certification-program-tickets-1123663631169

needs of attending current and soon-to-be business owners. To register for this free webinar, visit https://www.sba.gov/event/65168 Selling to the Federal Government Webinar Thursday, June 26, 2025, 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

directions on where to get further assistance, and answer your other questions. For this and

other events, one goal is to better address the

can market your services or goods to the federal government? Register online at https://www.

eventbrite.com/e/how-to-sell-to-the-federalgovernment-tickets-21790713611 SBA helps to ensure small businesses get fair opportunities to share federal government prime contracts. Topics will include: How to Register, Small Business Certifications, Finding Opportunities, Marketing

held via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Your Firm, Federal Supply Schedules, Getting Paid, Tips to Prepare Your Offer, How to Seek

Additional Assistance. All training sessions are

Fee: Free; registration required Join the Small Business Administration (SBA)

CORPORATE OFFICE 1160 Battery Street East, Suite 100

illinois.do@sba.gov

Tel 800-800-8534 Fax 415-778-6255

San Francisco, California 94111 sbe@sbeinc.com • www.sbeinc.com www.sbenortheast.com Copyright © 2025 Small Business Exchange, Inc.