

**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

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**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.

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 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 improvements, lead and asbestos abatement.

If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska’s Outreach Coordinator: Aislinn.Speranza@skanska.com • EOE/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: June 27, 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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Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm Online  
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration  
Contact: [Patrice Dozier, patrice.dozier@sba.gov](mailto:Patrice.Dozier@sba.gov)  
Fee: Free; registration required  
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Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 10:30 am–12:30 pm Online  
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration  
Contact: [SBA Illinois District Office, 312-353-4528](mailto:SBA Illinois District Office, 312-353-4528), [illinois.do@sba.gov](mailto:illinois.do@sba.gov)  
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**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](mailto:George.Tapia, 610-382-3086), [george.tapia@sba.gov](mailto:george.tapia@sba.gov)  
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