



Shovel Ready Projects Touted by State and Federal Governments

Thirteen billion dollars is set to be parceled out to the Empire State with about fifty percent going to New York City if all the funding in President Obama's stimulus bill moves forward.

Aside from funding for social services such as Medicare, at the federal level, the local stimulus is in building infrastructure projects. These projects which relate to government services such as roads, bridges, tunnels, new schools, hospitals and transit stations could mean a substantial amount of work opening up.

The first infrastructure projects would include the Shovel Ready Projects that have been designed and are in a stage of readiness to be let to bidders within the year.

Projects to be considered are a new subway station downtown, about 20 new city schools and bil



lions in infrastructure.

WDF stands ready to act on these projects should they come out soon. With a team of solid estimators and our ability to complete a diverse range of projects we are a top competitor in this market.

NYCTA Awards Two Major Projects in Far Rockaway and Rockaway

The New York City transit Authority awarded two new projects to our GC division. The renovation of the train stations on the IND line in Far Rockaway and Rockaway, New York will entail major restoration. The projects include a total of eight train stations to be transformed and updated on the north and south sides of the tracks.

A complete demolition and restoration of the platforms, new window screens on all stations and new canopes on some stairways. we will refurbish the token booths on the mezzanine levels and renovate the transit personnel

areas for each station.

Total project value is over \$100,000,000. All contract work is to be completed within thirty-two months.

WDF Inc. has put together one of the most experienced teams. This is the first renovation of the stations since their opening in 1956.



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THE NEW STANDARD

Buy American

During these tough financial times for American automakers, WDF Inc. CEO Lawrence Roman and President/COO Joseph M. LoCurto have rolled out an incentive program for our employees to help support buying American made automobiles.

"We have a responsibility as Americans and as businessmen to do what we can to help save jobs for American workers," said Lawrence Roman.

The Buy American Autos *Incentive Program* is open to all employees who lease or buy a new car from one of the Big Three automakers: GM, Ford and Chrysler. An

incentive of \$500.00 will be awarded to each employee who leases or buys any American made automobile over the next 90 days. A \$1,000 incentive will be paid for American made vehicles that get at least 30 mpg or for a hybrid vehicle.

"Our *Buy American Autos Incentive Program* is a win-win scenario for both the automakers and our employees," said Joseph M. LoCurto. "It's time for businesses to help Americans recover from this financial crisis."

Michael Tumminello, Senior Project Manager for the plumbing division, researched and bought a new Chevrolet Malibu. Michael will receive a \$1,000 reimbursement for his purchase of a car that

gets more than 30 miles to the gallon.

"My family needed a new car," said Michael. "It would be foolish not to take advantage of such a generous offer. More importantly, it's the right thing to do. We are a union shop and we should support the autoworkers who have to compete with cheaper labor around the world."

Michael is the first to find the time from a very busy schedule to get out and research the new American automobiles. He and his wife spent several weekends and some nights and eventually chose the Chevrolet Malibu.

"It's a good car. It rides well and it's very economical, too."

Corporate Responsibility on the Highways

In a show of corporate responsibility to the New York City community we have sponsored maintenance of two major New York highways. The Adopt-a-Highway signs on major highways in New York and other parts of the country began as an attempt to keep the highways clean. Sponsorship of a mile stretch of the road is marked by the sign and the sponsor's name.

Maintenance crews clean the highways weekly.

The WDF logo appears on Adopt-a-Highway signs on southbound lanes heading into Manhattan. One sign is on the Major Deegan Expressway before the exit for Yankee Stadium near the Macombs Dam Bridge Overpass. The other sign is on the opposite side of the river on the southbound Harlem River Drive



near the Macombs Dam Bridge Overpass.

Major Upgrades Lead to a Major Change Order



The NYC DEP at the Jamaica Water Pollution Control Plant issued a \$50,000,000.00 change order on the \$125,000,000 existing Jamaica 2G project for additional upgrades that will increase the level of treatment to biological nitrogen removal. It is the first at any of NYC's Water Pollution Control Plants.

The additional work includes:

- Construction of Baffle Walls in four aeration tanks
- Modifications to the aeration grids
- Addition of membrane diffusers
- Redistribution of the ceramic diffusers and blank diffusers
- mixing equipment
- Installation of a surlInstallation of mechanical mixing equipment
- Installation of a surface waste activated sludge (SWAS) collection and pumping system
- Installation of a surface dosing system for sodium hypochlorite addition
- Electrical system modification

- consistent with the above upgrading
- Instrumentation system modifications consistent with the above upgrading
- Construction of new BNR Electrical Buildings
- Modifications to aeration tanks walkway

The biological nitrogen removal system is a very ecological and conventional treatment using the agency of nitrification bacteria.

This very compact and highly efficient application of the advanced membrane separation technology will enhance the biological treatment system.

New York Family Court

Where teamwork and hard work produced excellence

The New York County Family Court project, located at 60 Lafayette Street in lower Manhattan, will finish on time in December due to the efforts of four top WDF professionals.

This DASNY project, set in two phases, is a detailed full renovation of more than 100,000 square feet on six floors, including 15 custom wood courtrooms and supporting facilities which include: holding cells, bathrooms, judges' robing rooms, attorney's rooms, corridors and waiting areas while the court is in session. Special highlights include: custom angled ceramic floor tiles, custom oak doors, chair rails and wall tiles, custom oak judges' benches, witness stands and attorney tables, four glass observatories, and steel/concrete work to



create more usable office space.

The success of these complex tasks is made possible by Tony Macaluso, the Project Manager, Tony Grigg, the Superintendent, Rich Miceli, the Project Executive and Ralph Montepeluso, Project Superintendent.

Each man in his own way played down the significance of his role and pointed to the work of the other men who worked long hours producing excellence.

Rich Miceli, Project Executive, has more than forty years of experience building and is driven by, "... a real sense of accomplishment when a job is finished. You see the fruits of your labor." Smiling proudly, he adds, "It's a great profession."



Rich's path, leading to a career in construction, was set while taking a course in drafting at Carey High School on Long Island with teacher John Savas.

Since then he has managed some of the most prestigious projects in the New York area including the World Trade Center, the Manhattan Bridge and Grand Central Station.

He is proud of the work that the WDF team did at the New York Family Court. "We enlivened the dull look of the Family Court into a warm well lit helpful atmosphere," said Miceli.

Brooklyn born Project Manager, Tony Macaluso, with 23 years experience building said, "Putting things together was just in me." When he was nine he built a bird house for his backyard.

Later, he studied mechanical engineering at the New York Institute of Technology and added real world experience working for the Navy Construction Battalion for eleven years. Tony has been a CM and Project Manager for major agencies and owners.

Tony Macaluso's love of the work is evident by his long hours of work that ends with excellence.

Tony's family is very important to him. He has been actively involved in his community where he was Vice President of MacPac, an athletic association at the local high school.

Born in Antigua, West Indies, Tony Grigg comes from a family of contractors and builders. "I was fascinated by the tall buildings in New York when I came to this country," Tony Grigg said. "I



wanted to know how to build them, so I learned." The last 16 years has given him a chance to learn and grow into a top notch Project Superintendent.

General Superintendent, Ralph Montepeluso, has over forty years of experience rounds out the excellent WDF team.

CEO'S MESSAGE

From the desk of Larry Roman

I just returned from the CIP Labor Management meeting which was attended by more than 400 people from both union and employee associations.

The mood was the most solemn that I have seen in 30 years in business. We heard about dozens of jobs, involving billions of dollars in construction, shutting down or not starting due to the SEVERE economic crisis facing our CITY, our STATE, our NATION and our WORLD!

Thanks to the efforts and vision of WDF Inc. Executive Management team, we are positioned with a backlog of work that will carry us for the next year or two. In order however to MAINTAIN this strong and enviable position we are dependent on YOU!!!! We need our field forces to plan it better and BEAT the labor coefficients we

have set for them. We need them to be so dedicated to their craft that they will need their supervisor to tell them, "Hey, it's time for lunch" or "it's time to go home, you've already worked a FULL DAY!"

Our competition is already demanding this of their employees. They have become LEAN and MEAN. Joe and I do not want to be MEAN. We want to achieve our success not through meanness but through better MANAGEMENT, BETTER PLANNING and BETTER PRODUCTIVITY from our LABOR FORCE.

We believe that our employees are intelligent enough, read enough and listen enough to understand exactly how BAD things truly are. Those that GET IT will allow this company to survive and prosper. Those who think "nothing has changed" will unfortunately be at



home reading about the 500,000 people that are being laid off each month.

I truly hate to be THIS BLUNT. Those that have known me for many years know that I always have tried to be fair and honest with the Company employees. I feel compelled to be honest now, so that in the event we need to make layoffs and you are one of them, you were at least forewarned of the "NEW ERA" we ALL live in.

Olympic Hopeful in Our Midst

Paul Mongone, 28, an Assistant Project Manager is also an Olympic hopeful. Since his days at Rutgers University in New Jersey Paul has been competing in the javelin throw. Paul's eye is on the Games in 2012. His first

competition will be in April at the Sea Ray Relays in Tennessee. "I've been working out most weekends with a former Olympic athlete at Yale and at Manhattan College and Rutgers University. My training is on-track for the

competitions in late spring." His workouts include rigorous strength and conditioning training, and many hours of training focusing on technique and form.

Safety First...

At WDF, the safety of all our personnel is of utmost importance!

Our safety record continues to be exemplary. The latest OSHA recordable incidents reported by our Safety Division were 40% below the national average. Amy Roman, Director of Safety said that it is a result of ongoing education of employees, vigilant site inspections and solid management support.

Welcome to Gene Chimblo a new full time safety staffer who

will be working at the NYCTA Five Stations project. Jerry Lampe from our GC Division is now a member of the Corporate Safety group where he will be auditing job sites.

"WDF has made important strides in creating a culture of safety throughout the company," Said Amy.



We have a new look and name. In an effort to make the newsletter more user friendly we have redesigned the layout and content.

Laura Viscio worked tirelessly on the layout, updating the newsletter with a new contemporary design.

We also changed the name to match our great efforts and success in the field. We'd be pleased to hear your comments.
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