

Scambuster Fighting for Military Members

By Alan Greenblatt

People have different reactions when they see service men and women in uniform. Many admire their bravery and thank them for the sacrifices they've made. But some individuals think of them quite differently, as easy marks.

Members of the military are targeted at a high rate for scams perpetrated by landlords or companies selling loans or consumer goods such as faulty cars or computers. There have always been a few shady businesses around the edges of military bases, but now companies run sophisticated campaigns targeting active members of the military on a nationwide basis. According to the Federal Trade Commission, 100,000 cases of fraud were reported by service men and women, their dependents, retirees, or veterans in 2016 alone.

Deanna Nelson is trying to do something about it. Nelson is an assistant attorney general in New York, running the Watertown office. She knew nothing about military consumer practices before taking on the job ten years ago, but she quickly got up to speed due to the number of fraud cases coming out of the Army's neighboring Fort Drum. "Companies in the area and nationally have made it their business to separate the military from their income streams," Nelson says.

People in the Army and the other service branches make unusually attractive targets for grifters for several reasons. They typically are young, often living away from home and managing their own finances for the first time. They collect steady paychecks and pay their bills on time, because keeping their credit records clean is a condition of their employment. If they are in any kind of financial trouble, they can lose their security clearances for fear they'd be subject to blackmail or other pressures. So service members pay their bills no matter how blatantly they've been ripped off. "The companies realize that service members are going to pay," Nelson says. "It's not worth it to sacrifice their security clearance or military status not to pay."

When particular types of scams become common, Nelson and her counterparts in other



states are often called in by financial counselors on the bases. As civilians and representatives of the state, there are limits to what they can do. They aren't going to represent individual men or women, but they can act as mediators.

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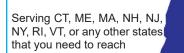
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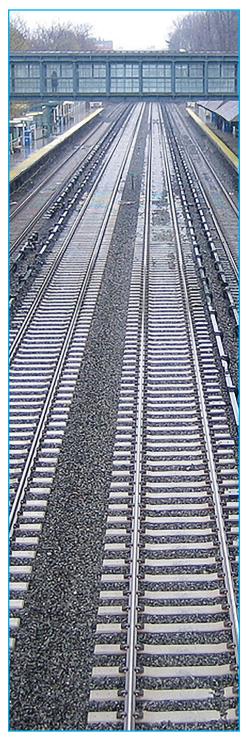


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Bid Date: January 30, 2019

Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation of Approach Arches, Towers, Miscellaneous Rehab NYCDOT Contract No: BRC270D (NYS DBE)

Bid Date: February 7, 2019

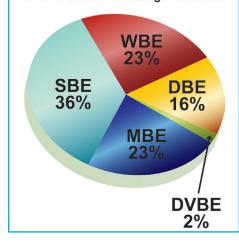
D263821, Rehabilitation of the Major Deegan Expressway (1-87) in Bronx County (NYS DBE): **Description of Project:** Bridge replacement with roadway on fill, operational improvements on I-87 Northbound by adding new access ramp and auxiliary lane. New retaining walls, lighting, utilities, pavement and sign structures. Bridge rehabilitation, deck and approach slabs replacement, sidewalks, all new utilities and its facilities, proved vertical clearance over I-87. Replacement of two bearings and modifications to pier near MNRR tracks.

BRC270D, Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation of Approach Arches, Towers, Miscellaneous Rehab (NYS DBE):

Description of Project: The work to be performed under this contract consists of the rehabilitation of the Brooklyn Bridge approach arch blocks, main towers, and miscellaneous repairs. The contract limits extend from Park Row in Manhattan to Tillary Street in Brooklyn. The arch block rehabilitation in Manhattan includes removal of the existing brick infill walls with the construction of new concrete infill walls with bricks at the outside face, rehabilitation of floors, cleaning and repointing of interior brick, and installation of ventilation. Soils below existing foundations will be jet grouted in arch blocks A through D indicated in the contract plans. Arch block rehabilitation in Manhattan and Brooklyn includes removal of hazardous materials, rehabilitation of interior brick walls, and installation of electrical service. Granite infill walls in the Brooklyn arch blocks will be encased at the interior surface. Tower work includes the reinforcement of granite blocks in gothic arches, rehabilitation of tower tops, and tower lighting. Cleaning and repointing of granite is to be performed on the exteriors of the arch blocks, anchorages, and towers. Miscellaneous work includes reinforcement of the Washington Street abutment and drainage improvements.

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The work to be performed may briefly be described as furnishing all labor, material, and equipment necessary for the following: median barrier extension installation on the suspended spans; upgrade the fire standpipe hose connections on the suspended spans; rehabilitation of the wind pins at the towers; repair to lower lateral gusset plate at the Bronx Tower; repairs to bearing plates at the approaches; repair tower electrical conduits at lamp posts on suspended spans; refurbishment of tower deteriorated electrical panels; repair of traveler track beam; replacement of stringer bearings; repairs to fairing gratings; replace drainage pipe at towers lower struts; and electrical conduit restoration at spans 12 and 13 (two locations); incidental lead abatement; and maintenance and protection of traffic.

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Bid Date: January 17, 2019

Line Structural Component Repair Program—Canarsie Line MTA NYCT Contract No. C-48719 (NYS MWBE, SDVOB) Bid Date: January 31, 2019

PS-RI-N&S, Reconstruction and Improvement of Rikers Island North and South Pumping **Stations (NYS MWBE):**

Description of Project: This project includes several items of work to reconstruct and improve the Rikers Island North and South Pumping Stations. These include but are not limited to structural demolition, excavation, SOE, concrete, structural modifications, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and controls, and minor architectural work.

C-48719, Line Structural Component Repair Program—Canarsie Line (NYS MWBE, SDVOB): Description of Project: This project is to repair the structural steel and concrete defects in the subway tunnel between First Avenue Station and Eighth Avenue Station in Manhattan. Additional station component repairs for Sixth Avenue Station, Canarsie Line, in the Borough of Manhattan are also included.

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ADA Sixth Avenue Canarsie Line MTA NYCT Contract No. A-37150A Bid Date: January 31, 2019

Description of Project: Accessibility Upgrades at Sixth Avenue Station on the Canarsie Line (BMT) in the Borough of Manhattan—make the station accessible by complying with the 2010 Americans Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design, enhance customer experience at the station, make the station easier to navigate, and facilitate increased ridership on the NYCT System.

Bidding Opportunities: electrical work, communications work (CCTV, cameras, monitors, network, fire alarm), HVAC, plumbing, fire protection, elevators, structural steel, railings, asbestos abatement, acoustical tile ceilings, lighting, tile, masonry, glazing, stair treads, stainless steel doors, gypsum board, painting, concrete, rebar, station signage, dewatering, rodent control, abatement of bird droppings, dumpsters, office cleaning, progress photographs, engineer's office computers/equipment/furniture.

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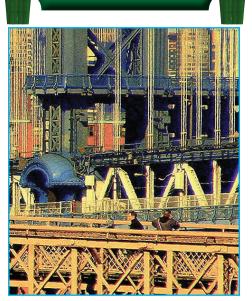
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Bid Date: January 31, 2019

Specific scopes we are soliciting include but are not limited to maintenance of traffic; concrete pavement rehab-demolition of existing and replacement; precast barrier; steel supply; electrical work; ITS work; overhead sign structure; asphalt concrete pavement and repair; milling; and installation, removal, and supply of expansion dams, finger joints, bearings, temporary shielding, bridge drainage, paint and paint removal, and waterproof membrane.

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Bid Date: January 31, 2019

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