



# MLK: "I Have Decided to Stick with Love"

By Leslie McMillan

In the hot southern summer of 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a powerful speech to civil rights leaders who had courageously dedicated themselves to nonviolent action in the struggle for racial equality.

Four years earlier, Dr. King had permanently carved an inscription on the American soul with his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. Yet each small step since then had been laden with troubles, setbacks, and pain.

Others, in their frustration and heartbreak, might have resorted to rage and destruction. But Dr. King's commitment to nonviolent transformation persisted—and his legacy endures.

The long 1967 speech in Atlanta is most remembered for these few words: "I have also decided to stick with love . . . hate is too great a burden to bear."

Today, the dream has advanced significantly. But the tensions of unmet hopes, unrelenting resistance, wayward paths, and forsaken ideals have

ignited occasional tragic explosions of division and even death in some American communities.

One American city, surely representative of many others, is taking seriously the foundational heart commitment of Dr. King. This year's commemoration of Martin Luther King Day in Salem, Oregon, includes a march and other events hosted by several organizations uniting under a carefully chosen theme: "I have decided to stick with love . . . hate is too great a burden to bear."

Pastor Marilyn Williams, event organizer and wife of local NAACP President Benny Williams, explains, "This is our town, too. We need to be proactive, not reactive, in working together and setting an example for our young people. What is needed is more love and forgiveness, not hate and finger-pointing. We need to spur necessary changes in a positive way."

A pleasant capital city of 161,000 residents, Salem is set on rolling green hills between the banks of the Willamette River and its remarkably fertile alluvial valley. Seventy miles east are the snowy volcanic peaks of the Cascade Mountains. Seventy miles west is the vast Pacific Ocean.



Salem, whose name means *peace* in Hebrew, is the capital of a state abounding with unmatched beauty and vivid contrasts.

Oregon has experienced more than its share of controversy and tragedy in recent months. A governor

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**NYCTA Component Repairs on the Jamaica Line (BMT)**

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is preparing a bid proposal for the NYCTA Component Repairs at Four Stations project. The project includes repairs at the 121st Street, 111th Street, 104th Street and Myrtle Avenue stations on the BMT Jamaica Line in Brooklyn and Queens. Quotes from MWBE and non-MWBE vendors, suppliers and subcontractors are being sought.

**Bid Date:** January 27, 2016  
**MWBE Participation Goal:** 30%

**Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is seeking vendors, suppliers and subcontractors in the following categories:**

- Concrete & Concrete Reinforcement
- Concrete Topping Slabs
- Demolition
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- Polyethylene Platform Edge Strip
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- Precast Concrete Solid Slabs
- Signal Work
- Standing-Seam Roof for Elevated Station Canopy
- Structural Steel / Misc. Metals / Metal Assemblies
- Windscreens Panels and Wire Mesh Panels

For more information please contact Dale Errico at dalee@rcmail.net or Catherine Best at catherineb@rcmail.net

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**IS SOLICITING BIDS FROM MWBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS CERTIFIED WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY**

**Replacement of PIP Helix and Rehabilitation of Upper Level Spans over New Jersey Anchorage and Hudson Terrace**  
**PANYNJ Contract No: GWB-244.150**  
**Bid Date: January 28, 2016**

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Asbestos Removal, Asphalt Milling and Paving, Borings, Concrete, Demolition, Electrical, Engineering, Fence and Guardrails, Fire Protection, Fireproofing, Hazardous Materials Haul and Dispose, Inspection and Testing, Landscaping, Miscellaneous Metals, Pavement Striping, Pile Driving, Plumbing, Rigging, Sawcutting, Scaffolding, Sign Erection, Structural Steel Erection and Fabrication, Trucking, and Welding. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

Interested firms please contact John Papagiannakis at Skanska Koch Inc., john.papagiannakis@skanska.com

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**LIRR - Hicksville Station and North Track Siding Improvement Project**

This Long Island Railroad project consists of various improvements to the Hicksville, LI Train Station and North Track Siding. Work will include a full platform replacement and substructure rehabilitation, installation of elevators, escalators and street-to-platform aluminum stairs, construction of platform level waiting rooms, translucent canopy roof system and drainage, installation of lighted signage and upgraded electrical service. The north track siding portion includes construction of a new retaining wall, duct bank systems, pre-wired signal hut and case and removal of existing signal bridge and foundations.

**DBE Participation Goal: 15% MBE and 15% WBE**  
We invite all MWBE's to contact us at 973-413-1911

**Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is seeking subcontractors in the following categories:**

- Abatement
- Architectural Finishes
- Construction Materials
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- Contaminated Waste Disposal
- Demolition
- Doors & Hardware
- Electrical
- Engineering
- Environmental Consulting
- Escalator / Elevator
- Fencing
- Fire Suppression
- Glass / Glazing / Storefront
- HVAC
- Infrastructure
- Janitorial Services
- Lath & Plaster
- Louvers
- Masonry
- Materials Testing & Inspection
- Office Facilities & Supplies
- Painting & Coating
- Pest Control
- Precast Concrete
- Railings
- Restoration
- Roofing
- Sealants / Waterproofing
- Structural Concrete & Reinforcement
- Structural Steel & Misc. Metals
- Survey
- Traffic Control
- Trucking
- Utilities
- Welding

For more information please contact Dale Errico at 973-413-1832 or DaleE@rcmail.net Catherine Best at 973-413-1911 or CatherineB@rcmail.net www.railroadconstruction.com/about/mwbe

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Goethals Bridge Replacement

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Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
**CONSTRUCTION DBE OPPORTUNITIES**

The Goethals Bridge Replacement Project is a design-build project for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (the Authority). The project will replace the existing Goethals Bridge which spans the Arthur Kill River on I-278 connecting Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Staten Island, New York. The existing bridge, built in the 1920s will be replaced with a dual span and the original bridge demolished. It is anticipated that the bridge will carry approximately 14 million vehicles eastbound annually.

Kiewit-Weeks-Massman, AJV (KWM) has been selected by the Authority to design and build the new Goethals Bridge. KWM is committed to providing a world class project for the people of New York and New Jersey. As part of their mission, KWM is also committed to providing meaningful employment opportunities for hundreds of construction individuals in the region, with particular outreach to the DBE community, and desires to meet or exceed federal requirements for diversity on this important construction project. If your DBE firm would like to apply to participate in this project, please use our website as a resource, www.goethals-kwm.com.

**KWM VENDOR SOLICITATION LOG**

All companies that fill out a Contractors Questionnaire will be added to our Vendor Solicitation Log which KWM uses for upcoming subcontract opportunities. If you would like to fill out a Contractors Questionnaire, please go to our website and visit the "Partnering" tab.

**PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Shear Stud Installation
- Miscellaneous Metals Fabrication/ Supplier
- Concrete, Curb, and Gutter Flatwork
- Anti-Climb Fence on New Bridge Shared Use Path
- Lumber/Crane Mat Suppliers
- Furnish/Install Guiderail

Check our website for periodic updates on partnering opportunities!

**MWBE BONDING, LINES OF CREDIT, AND INSURANCE ASSISTANCE**

For assistance in obtaining bonds, lines of credit, and/or insurance for this project, please visit our website or contact Anne at KWMdivcontracting@kwmjv.com for more information.

**Project Office: 137 Bayway Avenue • Elizabeth, NJ 07202 • KWMdivcontracting@kwmjv.com**  
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**NYCT Furnishing and Installing Flood Protection Devices**  
**Contract A-37612**  
at Various NYCT Facilities in the Borough of Manhattan

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is preparing a bid proposal for NYCT to furnish and install various flood resistant doors, conduits and duct seals at critical rooms and manholes, stop logs/removable flood barriers and deployable flood protection devices at eight locations in the borough of Manhattan.

**Bid Date:** February 10, 2016  
**DBE Participation Goal:** 17%

**Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is seeking vendors, suppliers and subcontractors in the following categories:**

- Aluminum Work
- Concrete & Concrete Reinforcement
- CPM Scheduling
- Drain and Vent Covers
- Electrical
- Fillers, Gaskets, Sealants and Caulking
- Fire Stopping
- Flood Related Specialty Items
- Glass and Glazing
- Grouts
- Hand Rails
- Hardware
- Hazardous Material Removals
- Maintenance and Protection of Traffic
- Masonry
- Material Testing
- Misc. Metals
- Office Supplies
- Painting
- Progress Photos
- Rodent Control
- Security/Communications
- Tile - Ceramic, Granite, Mosaic
- Tile Cleaning
- Trucking
- Watertight Doors
- Watertight Marine Doors

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