



Black History Month: WWI Harlem Heroes

By Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Editor's note: The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) announced the theme of Black History Month 2018 as "African Americans in Times of War" to commemorate the end of World War I in 1918 and to honor African American veterans who participated in our nation's battles from the period of the Revolutionary War to the present.

"Up the wide avenue they swung. Their smiles outshone the golden sunlight. In every line proud chests expanded beneath the medals valor had won. The impassioned cheering of the crowds massed along the way drowned the blaring cadence of their former jazz band. The old 15th was on parade and New York turned out to tender its dark-skinned heroes a New York welcome."

So began the three-page spread the *New York Tribune* ran February 18, 1919, a day after three thousand veterans of the 369th Infantry (formerly the 15th New York [Colored] Regiment) paraded up from 5th Avenue at 23rd Street to 145th and

Lenox. One of the few black combat regiments in World War I, they'd earned the prestigious Croix de Guerre from the French army under which they'd served for six months of "brave and bitter fighting." Their nickname they'd received from their German foes: "Hellfighters," the *Harlem* Hellfighters.

In their ranks was one of the Great War's greatest heroes, Private Henry Johnson of Albany, New York, who, though riding in a car for the wounded, was so moved by the outpouring he stood up waving the bouquet of flowers he'd been handed. It would take another seventy-seven years for Johnson to receive an official Purple Heart from his own government, but on this day, not even the steel plate in his foot could weigh him down.

It was, newspapers noted, the first opportunity the city of New York had to greet a full regiment of returning doughboys, black or white. The *Chicago Defender* put the crowd at two million, the *New York Tribune* at five million, with even the *New York Times* conservatively estimating it at "hundreds of thousands."

"Never have white Americans accorded so heartfelt and hearty a reception to a contingent of



their black country-men," the *Tribune* continued. And "the ebony warriors" felt it, literally, beneath a hail of chocolate candy, cigarettes, and coins raining down on them from open windows up and down the avenues. It would have been hard to miss

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Bid Date: February 22, 2018

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Coney Island Yard Complex Long Term Flood Mitigation
MTA NYCT Contract No. C-34836
Bid Date: February 14, 2018

Description of project:
Creation of a 12,000 LF flood protection wall (sheet piles, micropiles, jetgrout, and concrete), new drainage, upgraded pump stations, new drainage outfalls into Coney Island Creek, flood gates, vehicular gates, bridge hardening, and upgrades around the 100-acre NYCT Coney Island Yard Facilities in Brooklyn, New York; creation of a cable bridge across all three yards; communications, signal, and power work throughout all three yards, including new ductbanks and manholes; emergency alarm and telephone; trackwork in affected areas of construction; structural repairs to the historic Traction Motor Shop including upgrade to the exterior building wall.

Many bidding opportunities available.

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Replacement of 12 Traction Elevators
MTA NYCT Contract No. E-34027
Bid Date: February 13, 2018

Description of project:
The general extent and scope of work under this contract consist of the replacement of Twelve (12) Traction Elevators at Three Stations, 168th Street, 181st Street, and 191st Street Stations on the Broadway-7th Avenue Line (IRT), in the Borough of Manhattan.

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Harmon Shop Replacement Phase V Stage 2
MTA Metro-North Contract No. 81933
Bid Date: February 9, 2018

Description of project:
This contract for Phase V Stage 2 will be for, but not limited to, all required site and track work; the demolition and disposal of the remaining west half of Building 6 including Building 5 (Main Shop and Storeroom) and any other miscellaneous structures; and construction of a new 6-track, double-ended EMU Running Repair and Support Shop. This new EMU Running Repair and Support Shop will include a ground floor with ten (10) married pair vehicle repair positions, and a partial second floor, which includes component repair workshops and multiple office areas.

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Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge Replacement of Upper Roadways
NYCDOT Contract No: BRC231F
Bid Date: February 9, 2018

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Asphalt, Barrier, Bearings, CPM Scheduling, Demolition, Drainage, Electrical, Expansion Joints, Fencing, Field Trailer, Fuel, Haul and Dispose, Highway Lighting, Miscellaneous Metals, MPT, Painting, Paving, Railings, Rebar, Sandblasting, Saw Cutting, Sealing, Signs, Striping, Structural Steel, Surveying, Testing, and Trucking. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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American Bridge Company is preparing a bid on the following project:
Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge Upper Roadway Replacement
New York Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) Contract No: BRC231F
Bid Date: February 9, 2018

The bid submittal is scheduled for February 9, 2018. We hereby request that you submit your quotation to us February 1, 2018, on the items of work or materials that your company can supply or perform. We encourage participation of all certified MBE and WBE firms. Please email your quotation to estimating@americanbridge.net, brosado@americanbridge.net, or submit through SmartBid software with the credentials provided.

The project's general scope of work includes the reconstruction of the upper roadways with orthotropic deck, access and protection shielding under the upper roadway, new sub floorbeams, new stringers, new cross beams, new modular deck joints, new steel traffic median barriers, new scuppers and drainage modifications, new fire standpipe, new underdeck lighting, structural steel repairs, milling of existing roadways, and paving overhead with Rosphalt along the approaches. Available subcontracting and material supply opportunities for the project include, but are not limited to:

Armored Joints Supply	Impact Attenuator Installation	Pavement Markings Subcontractor
Bridge Subcontractor	Lead Abatement Subcontractor	Supply Supplies
Asphalt Electrical Subcontractor	MPT Supplies	Sawcutting Subcontractor
Concrete Ready Mix Supply	Milling and Paving Subcontractor	Scuppers Supply
CPM Scheduling Services	Miscellaneous Metals Supply	Steel Safety Shaped Barrier
Downspout Cleaning Subcontractor	Modular Expansion Joints Supply	Structural Steel Supply
Ductile Iron Downspouts	Noise Barrier/Absorber	Surveying Subcontractor
Elastomeric Bearings Supply	Office Supplies	Temporary Concrete Barrier Supply
Fire Standpipe Subcontractor	On-Site Tow Truck Service	Traffic Signs
Gantry Crane	Orthotropic Steel Deck Supply	Trucking Service
Graffiti Removal Subcontractor	Overhead Signs	Variable Message Signs
Hydro-Demolition	Painting Subcontractor	Waterproofing Subcontractor

American Bridge Company is interested in receiving quotes from all subcontractors, suppliers, and brokers that are bidding or are interested in quoting this project, especially from Minority- and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE and WBE) that are certified under the NYS Unified Certification Program. The NYCDOT M/WBE Utilization goal is 15 percent for this project.

Your quote must conform to all requirements of the bid documents, including but not limited to the plans, general provisions, special provisions, specifications, and contract for construction from the owner (including addenda thereto) and be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws. In the event that your firm is awarded the project by American Bridge Company, you will be required to execute our standard subcontract or material supply agreement. Subcontractors will be required to furnish a conforming certificate of insurance along with payment and performance bonds before entering into a subcontract, the cost of which should be included in your quotation. Please be aware that if your proposed scope of work includes work over a navigable waterway of the United States, you will also be required to provide Jones Act and/or United States Longshoreman and Harbor Workers Act coverage as applicable to your scope of activities.

Should you require assistance or additional information concerning the above project, please contact Brandon Rosado at 201-592-1217.

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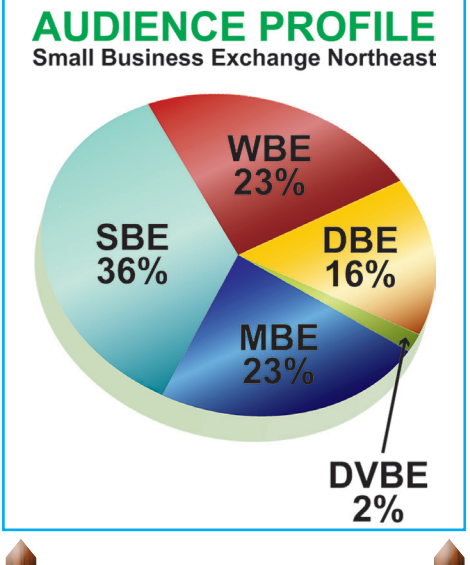
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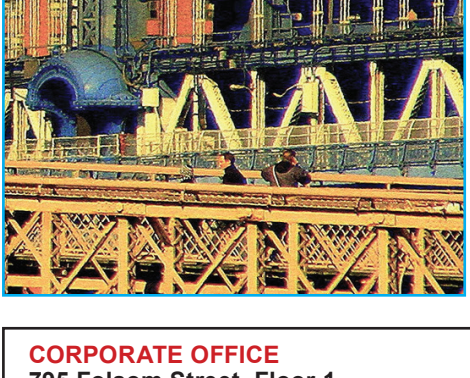
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Small Business Resource Center, Gateway Community College, 20 Church Street, Room S-106, New Haven, CT
Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration, Gateway Community College
Contact: Lisa Powell, lisa.powell@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
One way to increase your chance of winning a government contract is to understand the difference between responsive and responsible bidding. They sound similar and it is easy to get them confused. However, they are very different. This presentation will help you understand and be compliant in the bidding process. The US Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

How to Bid on Contracts as a Small Business
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston Street, Exchange in Kirstein Business Library, Boston, MA
Main Sponsor(s): SCORE Boston
Contact: Laura Colcord, 617-565-5591, workshops@scoreboston.org
Fee: Free; registration required
Join us for an inside perspective of the government contracting system and learn the criteria on which contract awards are determined. Discover resources to begin or continue your search, and successful methods to navigate the world of government contracts. This free workshop is designed to assist small businesses in finding the resources they need, answer questions regarding the contracting process, and provide insight into a world of opportunity. SCORE Boston provides business counseling from experienced advisors and free workshops at convenient locations.

HUBZone: Applying and Certifying Your Business
Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
TechPlace, 74 Orion Street, Brunswick, ME
Main Sponsor(s): Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Maine Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)
Contact: Bryan Wallace, 207-951-0644, bwallace@emdc.org
Fee: Free; registration required
Maine PTAC Procurement Counselor Bryan Wallace offers a free training session on the HUBZone Program. This US Small Business Administration government contracting program was created to stimulate economic growth in certain urban or rural geographic areas. Eligible small businesses can gain preferential treatment in the federal marketplace. Small businesses with an office located in Bath, Brunswick, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Durham, Freeport, Harpswell, Lisbon, or Topsham may be eligible to participate in the HUBZone Program. Maine PTAC is part of a nationwide network. Hosted by Eastern Maine Development Corporation, this program serves Maine-based companies that are interested in selling products or services to local, state, or federal government agencies.