



# SBA Upgrades Lender Portal, Amazon Assists

By John Roesti, American Banker

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There is cautious optimism that rapid-fire improvements to the Paycheck Protection Program's portal will address a series of issues that bedeviled the effort's first week.

The \$349 billion stimulus program, being run by the Small Business Administration and the Treasury Department, went live Friday. Since then, the SBA's 7(a) processing system, known as E-Tran, has frustrated and challenged lenders with log-in problems and a crash that kept participants out for up to four hours Monday.

The headaches prompted SBA to work with Amazon Web Systems to develop a new gateway that went live Wednesday morning.

Senator Marco Rubio, R-Florida, included a fingers-crossed emoji in his tweet about the upgrade.

An SBA official, who asked not to be named, said the agency had been working to construct "a new streamlined point of entry for E-Tran." The SBA believes the new gateway should prove "particularly useful" to new lenders who lack a pre-crisis background making 7(a) loans.

"It expedites new lender ability to process loan guarantee requests by providing direct access to E-Tran," the official said.

That would be welcome news to banks that have been trying to access E-Tran, but have been unsuccessful because it requires an authorization number.

The problem is that "no one seems to know where [the number] comes from if you are a non-SBA lender," said Maria Amoroso, chief marketing officer at NexTier Bank in Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

"While we have been approved as a non-SBA lender, we have not received access to the non-SBA portal," Amoroso said, adding that the \$1.4 billion-asset NexTier has "close to six hundred loans" it could process. "We continue to look for some guidance . . . but know that the federal and local representatives are swamped with the number of inquiries."



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"No one at SBA is able to say what that authorization number is, Kristen Stogniew at advisory firm Saltmarsh, Cleaveland, and Gund tweeted Wednesday afternoon, adding that many non-SBA lenders in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia

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Inviting qualified contractors, specifically **MWBE and SDVOB firms certified/eligible as listed above**, to contact Shea-Kiewit Constructors, AJV (Prime Contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with the upcoming tunnel and shafts project.

The Work under this contract is in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. The Work consists of:

**Construction of Shafts 17B-1 and 18B-1, CT3, Contract No. C547A**  
**Owner: New York City Department of Environmental Protection**  
**NYC DEP Bid Room, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 17th Floor, Flushing, NY 11373**  
**BID DATE: April 14, 2020, at 11:30 am**

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, ground freezing, deep foundation system (micro-piles), underground blasting, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, traffic control, sewer bypass pumping, A/C paving, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, planting and seeding, retaining wall, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, secant piles, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, rock-bolts, steel dowels, shotcrete, concrete finishing, mechanical steel pipe, ventilation HVAC, precast concrete shaft covers, temporary office buildings/services, ConEdison blockhouse, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, electrical services, pest control, IT services, security, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security services.

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**NYC DEP Contract No: C547A**  
**Bid Date: April 14, 2020**

**Description of project:**  
 A general description of the project work includes the following:  
 1) The construction of Shafts 17B-1 and 18B-1  
 2) Tunnel unwatering, access, initial inspection, photography, video, cleaning, repair, and final inspection work in CT3, Stage 2 in Queens and Brooklyn  
 3) Engineer-ordered bailout

Shaft 17B and 18B work includes, but is not limited to, the following:  
 1) Maintenance and protection of traffic  
 2) New Con Ed electrical service, temp blockhouse, and electrical distribution system  
 3) Perimeter noise barriers and retaining walls  
 4) Miscellaneous site demolition  
 5) Site clearing and grubbing  
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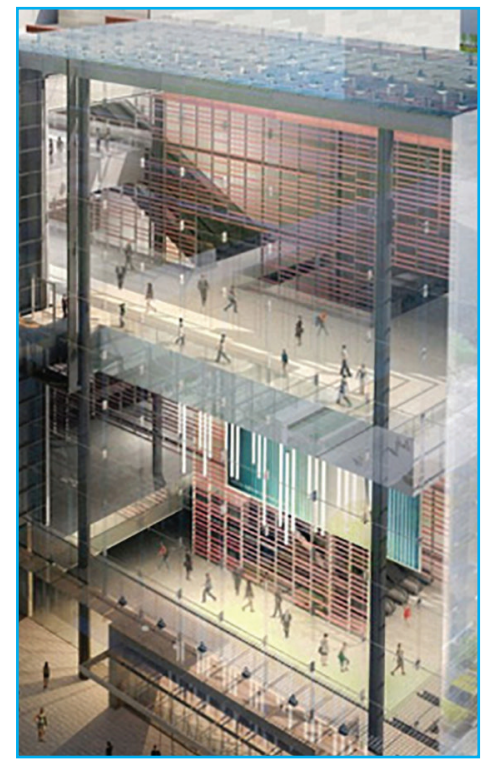
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**NYC DEP Contract No: PS-276**  
**Bid Date: April 28, 2020**

**Description of project:**  
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**Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, 1st Floor, Boston, MA**  
**Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center**  
**Contact: Stephen Edmonds, 781-801-3036, [sedmonds@umass.edu](mailto:sedmonds@umass.edu)**  
**Fee: Free; registration required**  
 This free one-day workshop is designed to encourage and support small businesses interested in obtaining a General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule contract. You will learn more about contract opportunities, the procurement process, and resources available. Not sure who to solicit? Refer to GSA's Schedules e-Library website to refer to view or download solicitations. Before attending the workshop, please review the GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program and the GSA Vendor Tool Box (links available at [vsc.gsa.gov](http://vsc.gsa.gov)). Please direct questions regarding the GSA MAS Program to the GSA MAS Helpdesk by phone at 800-488-3111 or by email at [mashelpdesk@gsa.gov](mailto:mashelpdesk@gsa.gov).

**Online Businesses and New Jersey Tax**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm**  
**Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch, 1001 Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ**  
**Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration,**

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**How to Start Your Own Small Business**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2020, 9:00 am-10:30 am**  
**New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office, 25 Capital Street, Third Floor, Concord, NH**  
**Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division**  
**Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, [miguel.moralez@sba.gov](mailto:miguel.moralez@sba.gov)**  
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