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# **National Small Business Week Webinars**

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As part of National Small Business Week, April 30–May 6, the Small Business Administration, SCORE, and cosponsors from Visa, YP, Google, Salesforce, Constant Contact, and Chase will be hosting numerous training webinars/webcast. The webinars/webcast are free of charge, but registration space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Register at www.sba.gov/nsbw/webinars

# The US Economic Outlook and Its Impact on Small Businesses

Presented by Visa May 2, 2017

2:00 pm–3:00 pm EDT

Join Visa economist Jay Hawkins as he shares the near-term outlook for the US economy including the health of small businesses, consumer spending, housing prices, and more. In this session, Hawkins will cover an analysis of which demographic segment(s) will provide opportunities for future spending growth, partially derived from VisaNet

# data; the current economic expansion; whether the slowdown in job growth in March is expected to persist, or if job growth is expected to rebound for the balance of 2017 and 2018.

# 5 Fabulous Habits of Local Business Champions Presented by YP

May 3, 2017

2:00 pm-3:00 pm EDT

Learn how to go from being a local business owner to a local business champion by having a consistent and accurate online presence across all sites; a business profile full of rich content like videos, images, and reviews; a well-designed, easy-to-navigate website; a business phone that's answered; a solid social media marketing strategy.

### Grow Your Business Online Presented by Google

May 3, 2017

4:00 pm-5:00 pm EDT

People no longer "go" online, they live online. More than ever, it's important for businesses to show up in the critical moments when potential



customers search for answers, products, and services they need. In this session, learn the basics of connecting with customers online, including reaching local customers with a free business listing, search engine optimization tips to help your

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Replacement of Kosciuszko Bridge over Newtown Creek Phase II Project NYSDOT Contract No: D263452 Bid Date: May 24, 2017

**Description of project:** Construction of a new westbound bridge structure over Newtown Creek between Vandervoort Avenue in Brooklyn and the Long Island Expressway Interchange in Queens. The project includes a new cable-stayed main span structure over Newtown Creek and pre-cast concrete girder approach spans in Brooklyn and Queens. The project also includes realigned ramps in Queens, new retaining walls, and new green spaces.

# Many bidding opportunities are available.

If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: Matthew.DeGudicibus@skanska.com

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## Bid Date: July 6, 2017

**Description of project:** The LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville is a strategic component in Governor Andrew Cuomo's comprehensive plan to transform New York's vital transportation infrastructure while improving the economy, environment, and future of Long Island. The Expansion is decades in the making. Residents and commuters along the Main Line corridor have long sought a mass transit solution to reduce congestion, improve safety and the environment, and provide an appealing alternative to driving, with minimal disruption to existing services and without residential property takings. The new plan includes construction of a 9.8 mile third track between the Floral Park and Hicksville stations, the elimination of 7 grade crossings to improve safety and reduce road traffic, and upgrades to infrastructure, stations, and parking along the route.

# Subcontracting opportunities include, but are not limited to:

Civil Work, Professional Services, Mechanical Work, Architectural Work, Metals, Electrical Work, and Design Services.

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# Shea McNally JV

BIDDING OPPORTUNITY MBE/WBE/DBE Certified with the following certifying authority:

A DBE is a Disadvantaged, Minority, or Woman Business Enterprise that has been certified by an entity from which EPA accepts certifications as described in 40 CFR 33.204-33.205 or certified by EPA. EPA accepts certifications from entities that meet or exceed EPA certification standards as described in 40 CFR 33.202.

Inviting qualified contractors, specifically **MBE/WBE/DBE firms certified/eligible as listed above**, to contact Shea McNally JV (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 located in Long Island (Babylon), New York. The Work consists of:

## Southwest Outfall Replacement, Capital Project No. 8108 Owner: County of Suffolk – Dept. of Public Works-Yaphank, NY Capital Project No. 8108 BID DATE: June 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, underground blasting, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, slurry wall, cased auger shaft construction, secant piles, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, rock-bolts, steel dowels, shotcrete, concrete finishing, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, mechanical equipment – hydraulic, sluce & weir gates, electrical services, pest control, IT services, security, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security services.

Any business seeking to participate as a **MBE/WBE/DBE** in the Contract that is not currently certified DBE by the EPA and the requirements set forth above should review **40 CFR 33.204-33.205 or certified by EPA** shown above to obtain current certification.

Shea McNally JV set up an FTP site where you can view all plans, specifications and addendums for your convenience. Please contact Steve Fiore at (909) 595-4397, Steven.Fiore@jfshea.com, to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

Shea McNally JV An EEO Employer (J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. – McNally Tunneling Corporation) 667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 22 • Walnut, CA 91789 909-594-0990 • 909-869-0827 (fax) Attn: Dennis Poulton, Chief Engineer

# NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS





Financing Your Small Business with an SBA Loan Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 5:00 pm–7:30 pm Atlantic County Library System/Galloway Township, 306 East Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway Township, NJ Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration Contact: Atlantic County Library System, 609-652-2352, gallowaytownshipbranch@aclsys.org Fee: Free; registration required

Learn from Sheryl Paynter of the US Small Business Administration, about the free resources and services provided by the SBA, as well as how to finance your business. This workshop is helpful for those with small businesses or those looking for assistance with starting, expanding, or maintaining a small business. Also, this program is designed to provide tribal entrepreneurs that are in business or thinking of starting a business with information on the business loan programs and technical assistance programs offered by the SBA. By attending this seminar, you can learn about SBA's 7(a) Guaranty Loan Program, the MicroLoan Program, the 504 Fixed Asset Loan Program, and the most popular of all of SBA's loan programs—SBAExpress.

# Contracting 101

Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT

# lisa.powell@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required

Are you thinking about preparing your business to pursue government contracts? Are you ready to take some definite steps? This seminar will cover where you need to be registered in order to do business with the State of Connecticut, municipalities, the private sector, as well as the federal government. You will be shown how to find the bids and identify available state and federal set-aside programs.

# Boots to Business Reboot

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 9:00 am–5:00 pm SUNY Polytechnic Institute, 100 Seymour Road, Kunsela Hall, Room A129, Utica, NY Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration Syracuse District Office, Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center, Utica SCORE Contact: Michael Stout, 315-471-9393 X 226, michael.stout@sba.gov

## Fee: Free; registration required

Boots to Business Reboot is a two-step training program that provides participants an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and an introduction to available public and private sector resources. Step one is the Introduction to Entrepreneurship course eligible to veterans of all eras, service members (including members of the National Guard and Reserve) and their spouses. Step two is the follow-on Foundations of Entrepreneurship course instructed by a consortium of professors

Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration, City of Milford Contact: Lisa Powell, 860-240-4892, and skilled business advisors from the SBA Network. Register for the May 16 or other Reboot classes at https://sbavets.force.com

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