



# Why Do People Celebrate Cinco de Mayo?

By History Channel

Cinco de Mayo—or the fifth of May—is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). A relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.

**Benito Juárez**

In 1861, Benito Juárez—a lawyer and member of the indigenous Zapotec tribe—was elected president of Mexico. At the time, the country was in financial ruin after years of internal strife, and the new president was forced to default on debt payments to European governments.

In response, France, Britain, and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz, Mexico, demanding repayment. Britain and Spain negotiated with Mexico and withdrew their forces.

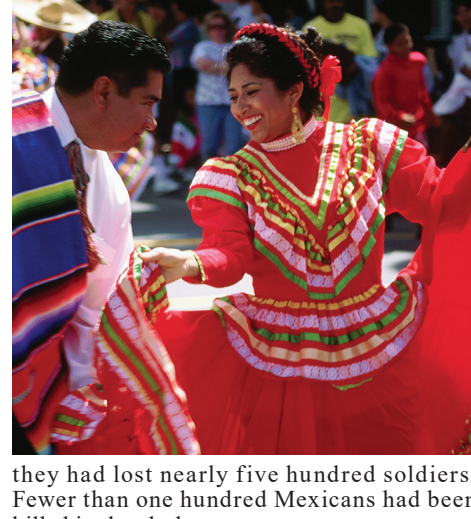
France, however, ruled by Napoleon III, decided to use the opportunity to carve an empire out of Mexican territory. Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, landing a large force of troops and driving President Juárez and his government into retreat.

**The Battle of Puebla**

Certain that success would come swiftly, six thousand French troops under General Charles Latrille de Lorencez set out to attack Puebla de los Angeles, a small town in east central Mexico. From his new headquarters in the North, Juárez rounded up a ragtag force of two thousand loyal men—many of them either indigenous Mexicans or of mixed ancestry—and sent them to Puebla.

The vastly outnumbered and poorly supplied Mexicans, led by Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza, fortified the town and prepared for the French assault. On May 5, 1862, Lorencez gathered his army—supported by heavy artillery—before the city of Puebla and led an assault.

The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening, and when the French finally retreated,



they had lost nearly five hundred soldiers. Fewer than one hundred Mexicans had been killed in the clash.

Although not a major strategic win in the overall war against the French, Zaragoza's success

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**Design and Construction of the Port Authority Police Department Command and Property Management Facility at World Trade Center**  
 PANYNJ Contract No. WTC 1805  
 Bid Date: May 8, 2019

**WTC 1805, Design and Construction of the Port Authority Police Department Command and Property Management Facility at World Trade Center:**  
**Description of Project:** This project ("Project" or "Phase II") generally consists of the design and construction of the 65,000 square-foot PAPD Command and PMF in a highly constrained area in the West Bathtub of the World Trade Center site, with additional area of work at Tower 2 level C2 and the southwest corner of the Oculus at a 260' elevation. The PAPD Command and PMF will contain offices, locker rooms, an emergency generator, workstations, break areas, restrooms, showers, control rooms, conference rooms, a police desk, storage areas, communications rooms, and equipment rooms. The project is categorized as Confidential Privileged and will require the design build parties to comply with specific security protocols specific for the WTC. The subgrade facility will be integrated into the existing mechanical, electrical, fire alarm, telecommunications, security, radio, plumbing, and fire protection systems and will require coordination with various stakeholders at the WTC.

**Many bidding opportunities available.**  
 If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: [Julia.Omanoff@skanska.com](mailto:Julia.Omanoff@skanska.com) • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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**Harrison Shop Flood Mitigation Project**  
 PANYNJ Contract No. PAT-784.165  
 Bid Date: May 8, 2019

**Description of Project:** The work under this contract consists generally of removal of existing modular precast concrete block and cast-in-place flood protection walls, furnishing and installation of removable/movable flood protection system, sheet piles, flexible fabric barrier, steel gate, utility encasement, construction of permanent flood protection wall, temporary shoring, relocation of utility lines, and related work at the south and west perimeter of the Harrison Car Maintenance Facility and the vicinity thereof in Harrison, New Jersey.

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

**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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**Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project**  
 NYSDOT Contract No: D900047  
 Bid Date: May 31, 2019

**Description of project:**  
 The Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project will provide improved access between the Hunts Point Peninsula and Sheridan Boulevard and the Bruckner Expressway. The project will address structural and operational deficiencies.

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**Danbury Water Pollution Control Plant Upgrade**  
 City of Danbury Contract No. 02-18-19-02  
 Bid Date: May 9, 2019

**Description of Project:** A complete upgrade and expansion (from 9mgd to 12mgd) of the existing Danbury WPCP. The work generally consists of the following: building and structural demolition, site work (excavation/piles/grading/paving/drainage/yard piping/erosion control/dewatering/fence/landscaping), structural (concrete/precast/steel/concrete repairs), architectural (masonry/miscellaneous metals/doors/roofing/tanks/panels/insulation/waterproofing/finishes/process mechanical (pipe/equipment/pumps/pumps/bridge cranes/hoists), domestic plumbing, fire protection, building mechanical/HVAC, insulation, electrical, and instrumentation and controls.

**Many bidding opportunities available:** instrumentation, demolition—mechanical, demolition—structural, demolition—electrical, demolition—architectural, mechanical, pipe/HVAC insulation, pump supply, valve supply, piping supply, HVAC, plumbing, fire suppression, fire alarm, electrical, switch gear supply, concrete surface repair, concrete joint repair, concrete crack repair, structural concrete, concrete reinforcing, container services, doors, louvers, concrete topping, CPM, masonry, miscellaneous metals, railings, roofing, painting, dewatering, asphalt paving, fencing, landscaping, structural steel, fill materials, hauling and disposal, signs, cleaning, system integration, material testing, soil sampling and analysis, geotechnical monitoring, hazardous material management, survey, cleaning, scheduling, progress photos/videos.

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**CBTC 8th Avenue Line (59th Street to High Street) "B" Service (IND) Project in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn**  
 MTA NYCT Contract No: S-48006  
 Bid Date: May 30, 2019

**ALL QUOTATIONS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS Friday, May 24, 2019.**  
 For further information concerning subcontracting and/or purchasing opportunities, and to register as a subcontractor or vendor, please respond to solicitations at [tutorperini.com](mailto:tutorperini.com) or contact Jackie Cotto at 914-739-1908. Come and join our team!

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**Mechanical, Electrical, and Structural Rehabilitation on Raritan River Draw, Undergrade Bridge 0.39**  
 New Jersey Transit Contract No: IFB 19-035X  
 Bid Date: May 16, 2019

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Field Office, CPM Scheduling, Civil General Contracting, Construction Engineering, Machinery, Electrical, Controls, Hydraulic Systems, Tug Boat, Personnel Boat, Barge, and Paint. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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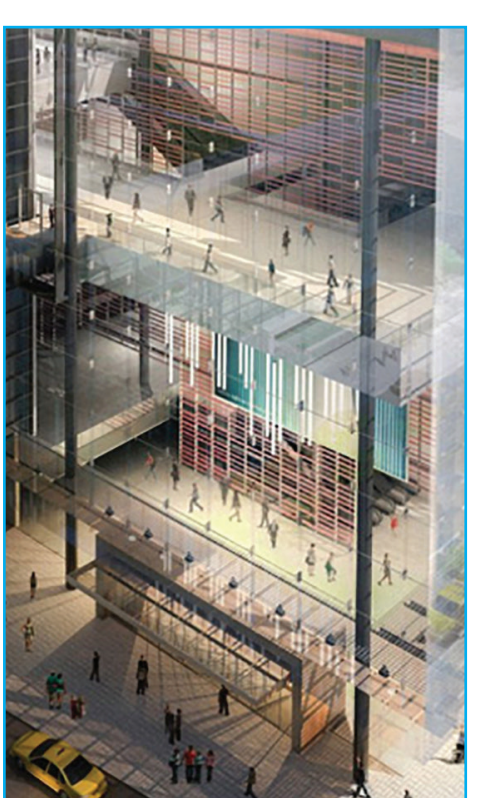
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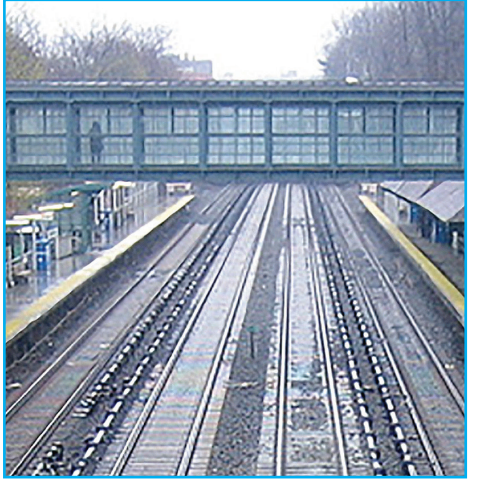
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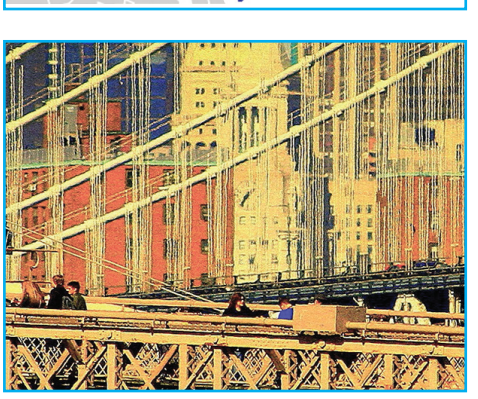
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**Doing Business with the Government: Getting MWBE Certified with NYC and NYS**  
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**The Entrepreneur Space, 36-46 37th Street, Third Floor, Long Island City, NY**  
**Main Sponsor(s):** US Small Business Administration, Queens Economic Development Center  
**Contact:** Ricard Calixte, 718-263-0546, [rc@queens.org](mailto:rc@queens.org)  
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