

# July 4: The Birth of American Independence

By History Channel

Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4 has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the eighteenth century and the American Revolution (1775 to 1783).

In June of 1776, representatives of the thirteen colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

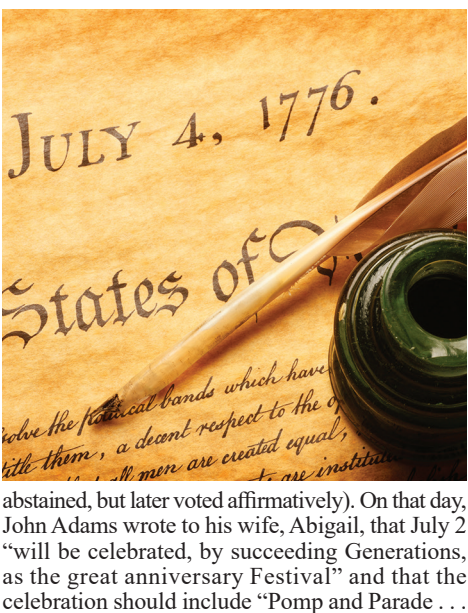
From 1776 until the present day, July Fourth has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired

complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet *Common Sense*, published in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later called Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation



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NYCTA Mechanical Closure Devices  
Contract #E-31689

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is preparing a bid proposal for the NYCTA F/I Mechanical Closure Devices project. The scope of work includes installation of flood proof doors and floor drains, sealing of conduits in manholes, and installation of mechanical closure devices and watertight access hatches at various locations in Manhattan and Queens. Quotes from DBE and non-DBE vendors, suppliers and subcontractors are being sought.

Bid Date:

July 7, 2016

DBE Participation Goal:

17%

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• Rebar

• Restoration

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• Structural Steel and Misc. Metals

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Design and Construction of Clifton Shop in Staten Island, New York

MTA New York City Transit Contract No. C-82004

Bid Date: July 12, 2016

Description of project:

This project consists of the design and construction of a new rail car maintenance shop, approximately 93,300 square feet, to replace the existing multiple building facilities currently in use. The existing buildings comprising the current maintenance shop located at 845 Bay Street are to be demolished in phases under this contract so that maintenance activities can continue throughout the period of construction. The new Clifton Shop facility shall include four maintenance tracks with overhead cranes, wheel truing machine, DC power stringer system, and other maintenance-related equipment. It shall also include auxiliary spaces on the first floor for utility rooms, machine shop, and a carpenter shop; offices on the partial mezzanine floor; administrative offices, area locker rooms, and other support areas on the second floor; a supply room, storage area, and related offices on the partial third floor; and HVAC equipment on the roof.

Subcontracting opportunities include, but are not limited to: Demolition, Utilities, Sidewalk, Fencing, Trackwork, Metals, Masonry, Drywall, Acoustical Ceilings, Doors, Roofing, Paint, Signs, Tile, Shop Equipment, Elevators, HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Electrical Work, Trailers, Photographs, etc.

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

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Contract #E-31683

Railroad Construction Company, Inc. is preparing a bid proposal for the NYCTA Above Grade Facility Hardening project consisting of flood mitigation / hardening measures at five fan plant locations in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. The scope of work includes fortification of existing buildings, installation of new cladding and roofing mitigation systems, selective demolition, construction of new foundations, cast-in-place and precast concrete structures, steel framing and strengthening of existing structural elements. Quotes from DBE and non-DBE vendors, suppliers and subcontractors are being sought.

Bid Date:

July 15, 2016

DBE Participation Goal:

17%

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

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• Construction Materials

• Contaminated Waste Disposal

• Demolition

• Doors and Hardware

• Drainage

• Electrical

• Engineering

• Environmental Consulting

• Flood Control

• Glass / Glazing / Storefront

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• Louvers and Vents

• Masonry

• Materials Testing and Inspection

• Metal Decking

• Painting and Coating

• Pest Control

• Photography

• Precast Concrete

• Plumbing

• Restoration

• Roofing

• Sealants / Waterproofing

• Structural Concrete and Reinforcement

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Technical Review Meetings

Please RSVP for TZC State Police Facility Network Informational Meeting / Meet the Primes Event | 1:30PM-3:30PM on July 20, 2016. MW/DBE and non-MW/DBE vendors interested in attending must be registered for this event.

Contact [procurement@tzc-llc.com](mailto:procurement@tzc-llc.com) and RSVP by sending a note with your Company Name, attendees name(s), and telephone number via e-mail. Be sure to put "7/20/16 State Police Facility Event" in the Subject line.

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TZC is willing to assist all DBE subcontractors and suppliers in obtaining access to bonds, lines of credit, and insurance. Please email your request for assistance to [DBETeam@TZC-LLC.com](mailto:DBETeam@TZC-LLC.com).

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