

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year's Black History Month celebration highlights black owned businesses and their contributions to the LGA Redevelopment Project.



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Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

Reference: www.history.com

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Port Authority's Supplier Diversity

Our Strategy

Expanding opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBES) is a critical part of the Port Authority's inclusionary contracting practices. In February 2018, the board amended the agency's policy to raise contract participation goals for contracts with MWBES to 30 percent. The authorization requires the agency and its contractors to make a good-faith effort to achieve a 20 percent participation goal with certified minority-owned business enterprises (MBEs) and a 10 percent goal with certified woman-owned business enterprises (WBEs). Previously, the agency's guidelines have been 12 percent for MBEs and 5 percent for WBEs. Our current goals go beyond federal requirements, and we continue to work toward accomplishing these goals with top leadership support.

- 6,034 total unique Port Authority certified MWSDBE firms
- 4,023 total unique Port Authority certified MWBE firms
- 66.7 percent of our certified firms are MWBE

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More than \$2 Billion in Awards to Certified M/WBE Firms

In late 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a historic milestone in the transformation of a whole new LaGuardia Airport, where a record-setting \$2 billion in contracts had been awarded to Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprises, the largest participation by MWBE firms at any public-private partnership project in New York State history. The redevelopment project also demonstrated a significant focus on working with locally-based contractors, with \$775 million in contracts awarded to Queens-based local business enterprises.

Today, over \$2.2 Billion in contracts have been awarded to MWBEs and more than \$865 awarded to local Queens firms.

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B. Holder Photo, Inc

Beverly Holder / President

Beverly Holder is an architectural photographer and President of B. Holder Photo, Inc. Born and raised in Southeast Queens, Ms. Holder has a strong interest in visual art that started with drawing and painting.

Her career in photography began when she became a freelancer for the Queens Chronicle newspaper. While taking photographs at M/WBE subcontractor recruiting events, she learned about progress photography and how large-scale commercial building and renovation projects need to be documented and archived. It was then that she formed B. Holder Photo, Inc. to serve the needs of general contractors, government agencies, real estate developers and brokers. Ms. Holder's approach to the medium of photography continues to be nurtured through classes and mentorships.

Contributions: Photographed buildings and renovation of LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment Program for documenting and archive.



Cauley Coach Inc.

Family-Owned Company

Cauley Coach Inc. is a transportation provider that is fully insured and bonded and has been in operation since 1985.

Cauley Coach Inc. provides shuttle services at LaGuardia Airport to carry construction workers from the off-site parking facility to their job work site. Cauley began transporting construction workers for the LaGuardia Redevelopment Program in May 2018. They are currently providing day to day services from 4:30am to 7:30pm for about 100 workers. Using two buses, the shuttle operates in 20-minute intervals between the job site and parking lot.

Prior to the LaGuardia Redevelopment Program, Cauley provided similar services at JFK Airport, from July 2011 through July 2015. During that period, they worked with operators such as Turner Construction and Gramercy Demolition. They displayed an exemplary service record and continue to maintain a stellar business relationship.

Cauley Coach Inc. Is looking to continue to offer their service and experience towards future projects by providing contractors a means of reliable transportation for their employees and would be honored to do so if selected.



Creative Construction Services

Hanson James / President & Founder

Hanson James is the President and founder of Creative Construction Services Corporation. As a minority and disadvantaged owned business owner, Hanson is no stranger to the concept of sweat equity having worked as a union carpenter for 14 years.

Over the years, Hanson noticed the double standards for minority employees and contractors in the competitive arena of construction services and vowed to change the game by starting his own company. He noticed that in the construction industry, minority workers are usually the last to be hired and the first to be fired. Any mistakes by minority workers are immediately magnified and that affects their reputation and their long-term business prospects. In 2005, he started his own company, Creative Construction Services Corp., to help balance out the equation.

Creative Construction specializes in general carpentry, drywall and framing, Acous-tical ceiling, hardware installation, and OSHA protection. The company is 100% Union, affiliated with the Association of Wall and Ceiling and the Building Contractors Association.

Contributions: General carpentry, drywall and framing, Acous-tical ceiling, hardware installation, and OSHA protection



International Design Service

Johnson Esho / PE, LEED AP, CDT

Johnson Esho is an Electrical Engineering Professional with over 20 years of experience in developing and supporting successful systems designs and construction.

As Lead Electrical Engineer, Johnson successfully completed the design and construction of the electrical systems for the Second Avenue Subway Project and the design for the replacement of Concourse A at LGA Airport's New Terminal B. Prior to this, he led the electrical design and construction for the modernization of the Alice Tully Hall, the Juilliard School Renovation/Expansion, the Pearson International Airport in Toronto Canada, and the International Arrival Terminal 4 at JFK Airport.

Johnson is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New York and LEED Accredited Professional. He is a member of IEEE and NFPA. A highly focused and motivated professional, Johnson leverages his eye for detail in order to align the business processes and engineering technology to realize cost savings and accelerated performance for the organization.

Contributions: Electrical Engineering



M.A.C - Tech

Chester Gordon / President

Chester Gordon, owner and founder of M.A.C. Tech Fabrication and Repairs was born in Jamaica, West Indies. He migrated to the United States of America over 20 years ago. Chester's passion for working with metal started as a young child. His enthusiasm and interest to modify and repair metal items were always fulfilling for him. He worked in the airline industry as an aircraft mechanic for 20 years.

Chester established M.A.C. Fabrication and Repairs in December 2006 as a custom metal fabrication shop that specializes in architectural designs. They work with all types of metal such as steel, stainless steel, aluminum, bronze, and copper. M.A.C. Tech is not limited to fabrication but can assist in design, shop fabrication, finishing, installation & repairs.

Contributions: Installation and Maintenance Services



Metal Sales Co.

Chris Richardson / President - Founder

Chris Richardson is the President and Founder of Metal Sales Co. Chris was born, raised, and educated in New York City. He is married and has 8 children and 9 grandchildren.

While in High School, he worked for The New York Public Library. Each day on his 10-minute break he would look up and watch the construction of the Piaget Building. While watching, he stated: "that's what I'm going to do" and in 1982, he started his career as a Structural & Ornamental Iron Worker.

Chris started Metal Sales Co. in 1998 and his dream was, and still is, to build the biggest and best building in the New York Metropolitan area. Chris has said "Well, so far we haven't built the biggest, but we have certainly built the best!"

Contributions: Metal and Steel Works



RCGA Architects

Robert St. C Gaskin President / CEO

Robert St. C Gaskin is President and CEO of RCGA Architects. He was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and spent his formative years in Trinidad where his father, Robert Sr, was a doctor. He lived in Scotland as a teen, where he graduated high-school.

Robert was certified as a commercial pilot in 1979 and graduated with a BA in Architecture from Pratt Institute in 1982. He built successful careers in both aviation and architecture, both in the U.S, in the Caribbean and abroad. In 1997, Robert started his own full-service firm here in New York, specializing in aviation architecture.

Contributions: Engineering, Architecture



Tonage, Inc.

Richard Elliot President, C.E.O. / Founder

Richard Elliott is President, C.E.O, and founder of Tonage Inc. His career began as an Ironworkers Local 46 apprentice in 1985 and he has worked in the trade and industry continuously for the past 37 years.

Richard climbed the Union ranks from First Year Apprentice to Foreman and worked on some of the largest rebar projects in the tristate area. In 2007, he started his own Rebar Installation Company, Tonage, Inc.

Through hard work and dedication, Richard grew the company into one of the metro area's most successful Minority Owned Businesses. His leadership has guided Tonage, Inc. to successfully complete all rebar installations for numerous LaGuardia Redevelopment Programs, including: the New Terminal B Project, airport roadways project, and various foundations and superstructures at Delta Air Lines Terminal C project.

Prior to his work on the LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment Program, Tonage successfully completed the Rebar Installation for the entire New York portion of the New Goethals Bridge as well as for the first phase of the New Kosciuszko Bridge. Mr. Elliott's leadership and efforts continue to show that Minority Owned businesses can thrive and succeed in the New York Construction Industry.

Contributions: Rebar Installation

