

DBE Program Office Newsletter

DBE Spotlight

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American Engineers Group, LLC (AEG) is a professional consulting firm and a comprehensive MBE/DBE/SDB/SBE certified organization. AEG provides a full range of consulting engineering services including civil, traffic, transportation, structural, geotechnical, environmental, water resources, surveying, right-of-way plans preparation, planning, and construction management/inspection. Poised to strategically expand throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, corporate operations function from the main office in Phoenixville, PA, with other offices located in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, PA.

After completing a successful merger with GTS Technologies in 2015, American Engineers Group expanded its corporate resume in order to better serve the growing client base. The combined staff after the merger includes engineers, geologists, hydrologists, environmental specialists, soils engineers, geophysicists, surveyors, and GIS specialists and provides an in-house AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory (AMRL) and United States Corps of Engineers certified soil/rock and material testing laboratory. These combined capabilities of civil/structural engineering, geotechnical engineering, transportation engineering, water resources, environmental, surveys, and construction inspection supported by experienced personnel create a more concentrated efficient team structure.

AEG has the capability to provide diverse services for projects of all sizes and levels of complexity and has extended our expertise to a wide range of clients both public and private as well as utilities; institutions; and other consulting firms. Clients on various projects include: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Pennsylvania Department of General Services, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), City of Philadelphia, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, as well as dozens of Townships and Boroughs throughout the area. This experience allows AEG a competitive edge in understanding each organization's unique requirements.

By employing state-of-the-art concepts and technology or just simple plain hard work, AEG is committed to providing high-quality design services on time and within budget. Recently, AEG was the prime consultant for a PennDOT project-specific open-end agreement in District 8-0. AEG provided alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering, final design, and construction consultation for rock slope protection measures relating to several rock cuts located along U.S. Routes 11/15 near the Cumberland/Perry County line. Knowing that the required detour and anticipated 90-day road closure to complete construction would create significant impacts, considerable emphasis was placed on coordination and scheduling in order to mitigate impacts to local businesses, residents, and the travelling public. With the aim of helping the Contractor expedite progress, AEG assisted the Contractor in opening the roadway nearly one month ahead of schedule. AEG's mission is to meet or exceed client's expectations.

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OSHA's Safe and Sound Campaign Assists Employers in Keeping Workplaces Safe and Healthy

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The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration launched its "Safe and Sound Campaign" recently, calling on employers to review their safety and health programs to protect workers, and reduce workplace injuries and deaths.

OSHA has initiated 12 fatality inspections in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska since Oct. 1, 2016 – up from seven for the same period of Oct. 1, 2015 through Feb. 1, 2016 – and found a significant increase in fatalities associated with confined space entry and trenching and excavating. Fatalities involving workers being struck by motor vehicles also doubled from two to four persons for the same time period.

Employers have proven that safety and health programs reduce the numbers of injuries and illnesses, and improve their bottom line. While there are different approaches to ensuring worker safety and health, all effective programs share three core elements:

Management leadership. Top management commits to establishing, maintaining and improving the program continually, and provides any necessary resources.

Worker participation. Employers invite workers to identify solutions. Improved worker engagement can lead to better productivity, higher job satisfaction and worker retention – lowering turnover and recruitment costs.

A systematic "find and fix" approach. Employers and workers examine their workplaces, proactively and routinely, to identify and address hazards before they can cause injury or illness.

Employers seeking to create a safety and health program should know that the process doesn't have to be complicated or demand outside consultants be employed; there are some simple, do-it-yourself steps to get started. OSHA's "Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs" page offers practical advice on how any organization can integrate safety and health programs.

OSHA also offers compliance assistance, tips, consultation for small- and medium-sized businesses, educational materials, training and other information to employers and workers on common workplace safety hazards and how to prevent illness and injury – all at no charge.

Each state has its own On-site Consultation Program. This free and confidential safety and health consultation program is targeted toward smaller businesses primarily; employers can find out about potential hazards at their workplace, improve programs already in place and even qualify for a one-year exemption from routine OSHA inspections. Information is available at OSHA's Web site, www.osha.gov/consultation.

To ask questions, obtain compliance assistance, file a complaint, or report amputations, eye loss, workplace hospitalizations, fatalities or situations posing imminent danger to workers, the public should call OSHA's toll-free hotline at 800-321-OSHA (6742) or one of the federal offices including: Des Moines at (515) 284-4702, Kansas City at (816) 502-0312, Omaha at (402) 553-0174, St. Louis at (314) 425-4255, Wichita at (316) 269-6646.

SBA Expands its Emerging Leaders Initiative Helping Small Businesses to Thrive

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The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the launch of the 2017 Emerging Leaders Initiative, a seven-month executive-level training series targeting small businesses with high-growth potential in underserved cities across the nation. This year, three new cities have been added, bringing the number of participating communities to 55.

Local recruitment for the 2017 training cycle has begun and is ongoing at designated SBA district offices. Classes are scheduled to begin in April, and interested small business owners can learn more on eligibility and how to apply at the SBA's website: www.sba.gov/emergingleaders.

The SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative delivers entrepreneurship education and training focused on small, poised-for-growth companies that are potential job creators. This intensive executive entrepreneurship series includes nearly 100 hours of classroom time per participant and provides the opportunity for small business owners to work with experienced coaches and mentors, attend workshops, and develop connections with their peers, local city leaders and the financial community.

This year, there are three new locations being added to the initiative for the first time, expanding availability of the SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative to entrepreneurs in Mobile, Ala., Albany, N.Y., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative has trained more than 4,000 small business owners in underserved communities since its inception in 2008, and its impact continues to expand. SBA's Emerging Leaders continues to be a catalyst for expanded opportunities in underserved communities. Emerging Leaders graduates reported that nearly 70 percent achieved revenue growth and over 80 percent created new jobs or retained all existing jobs. Graduates also secured federal, state, local and tribal contract awards of over \$700 million. SBA's Emerging Leaders graduated 775 small business owners in 2016, representing the largest graduating class.

The 2017 Emerging Leaders host locations are as follows:

*Albany, NY	Milwaukee, WI	Honolulu, HA	Seattle, WA
Albuquerque, NM	Minneapolis, MN	Houston, TX	Spokane, WA
Atlanta, GA	*Mobile, AL	Indianapolis, IN	St. Louis, MO
Austin/San Antonio, TX	Montpelier, VT	Jackson, MS	Syracuse, NY
Bakersfield, CA	Nashville, TN	Las Vegas, NV	Tampa, FL
Baltimore, MD	Newark, NJ	Little Rock, AK	*Virgin Islands
Birmingham, AL	New Orleans, La.	Los Angeles, CA	Washington, DC
Boise, ID	New York City, N.Y.	Louisville, KY	Wichita, KS
Boston, MS	Oklahoma City, OK	Memphis, TN	Yonkers, NY
Charlotte, NC	Philadelphia, PA	Miami, FL	Youngstown, OH
Chicago, Ill	Phoenix, AZ		
Columbus, OH	Pittsburgh, PA		
Concord, NH	Portland, OR		
Dallas, TX	Providence, RI		
Denver, CO	Sacramento, CA		
Detroit, MI	Salt Lake City, UT		
Fargo, ND	San Juan, PR		

**New locations for 2017 include Mobile (Ala.), Albany (N.Y.), and U.S. Virgin Islands.*

Upcoming Opportunities Over 100k

17-00031-AMJP

Guaranteed Energy Savings Project for SEPTA's Main Office Building - 1234 Market Street, Phila., PA, 19107

Deadline for Proposals: Rescheduled to April 20, 2017 at 4:30 PM Contact Name: Michael Piselli
Contact E-mail: mpiselli@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8364

16-00298-AMZK

Bus Garage Fire-Rated Accordion Doors

Deadline for Sealed Bids: Rescheduled to April 28, 2017 at 09:30 AM Contact Name: Marian Keating
Contact E-mail: mkeating@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8320

17-00049-ARIB

110 Victory Ave Washer Building Roof Replacement

Deadline for Sealed Bids: Rescheduled to April 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM
Contact Name: Raquel Burden Contact E-mail: rburden@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8316

17-00062-ALVI

Motorcraft Parts

Deadline for Sealed Bids: April 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM Contact Name: Louis Innamorato
Contact E-mail: linnamorato@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8321

17-00035-ATMM

Frankford Elevated Haunch Repair - Phase 3

Deadline for Sealed Bids: Rescheduled to April 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM Contact Name: Thomas Moiani
Contact E-mail: tmoiani@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8311

17-00065-ATAZ

Sectionalizing Switches

Deadline for Sealed Bids: April 19, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Thomas Zebrowski
Contact E-mail: tzebrowski@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-6846

17-00047-ARIB

Hot Spot Vegetation Clearing

Deadline for Sealed Bids: May 04, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Racquel Burden
Contact E-mail: rburden@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8316

17-00063-APES

Jacking of 4 Railroad Grade Crossing Surfaces

Deadline for Sealed Bids: May 02, 2017 at 2:00 PM Contact Name: Paul Stavros
Contact E-mail: pstavros@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-3543

17-00066-ACAC

Basic Motor Overhaul - Silverliner IV

Deadline for Sealed Bids: Rescheduled to April 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Carolyn Caruso
Contact E-mail: ccaruso@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-7599

17-00053-ATMM

8 Curb Cuts Along Market Street

Deadline for Sealed Bids: May 02, 2017 at 10:00 AM Contact Name: Thomas Moiani
Contact E-mail: tmoiani@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8311

17-00036-ACZC**Supply and Delivery of Track Ballast**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: April 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM Contact Name: Christopher Chennat

Contact E-mail: cchennat@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8102

17-00054-ACZC**Pre-manufactured Trailers for SEPTA**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: April 26, 2017 at 1:30 PM Contact Name: Christopher Chennat

Contact E-mail: cchennat@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8102

17-00070-AMUD**Top Load Parts Washer Cabinets**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: April 20, 2017 at 11:30 AM Contact Name: Matthew Dooner

Contact E-mail: mdooner@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-7156

17-00044-ABRV**EMP MH8 Upgrade Conversion Kit**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: April 25, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Bryant Vaders

Contact E-mail: bvaders@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-7284

17-00068-ALZW**Standard Trucks & Passenger Vans**

Pre-Bid: April 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM Deadline for Sealed Bids: May 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Contact Name: LeTeisha Wright Contact E-mail: lwright@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-3720

17-00069-ACAC**Overhaul of Single Ended Blower Motors**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: April 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Carolyn Caruso

Contact E-mail: ccaruso@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-7599

17-00075-ABRV**Cummins Turbocharger**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: May 02, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Bryant Vaders

Contact E-mail: bvaders@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-7284

17-00073-ABRV**Ford Transmission Repair**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: May 04, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Bryant Vaders

Contact E-mail: bvaders@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-7284

17-00060-ACZC**Signal Cable for SEPTA**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: May 03, 2017 at 1:30 PM Contact Name: Christopher Chennat

Contact E-mail: cchennat@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-8102

17-00056-ABRV**Cummins Fuel Injector**

Deadline for Sealed Bids: Rescheduled to April 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM Contact Name: Bryant Vaders

Contact E-mail: bvaders@septa.org Contact Phone: 215-580-7284

RFP 17-00024-ACKR**Drug and Alcohol Third Party Administrator Services**

Pre-Proposal: May 02, 2017 at 10:00 AM Deadline for Proposals: May 23, 2017 at 4:30 PM

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Accel Talent & Development Group – Human Resource Services including Staffing, Training and Development
Prince George, VA

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Detroit, MI

J.T. Dillard, LLC dba Zaymat Distributors – Safety and Construction supplies, Concrete Restoration products, Bus and Railway parts
Cleveland, OH

KAYLA Creative, LLC – Marketing, Graphic Design, Branding, and Exhibits
Cinnaminson, NJ

M Painting Co., Inc. – Painting, Sandblasting and Lead Abatement
Newark, NJ

Railcar Quality Services, Inc. – Quality Assurance and Quality Control Inspection Services for Transit Agencies procuring new rail cars and buses
Gold River, CA

Seifert Graphics, Inc. – Graphics primarily for the transit industry including Vinyl Graphics, Striping and Decals
Oriskany, NY

Transit Management Oversight & Solutions – Independent Needs Analysis and Completing Compliance Requirements
Birmingham, AL

