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New York City Department of Design and Construction Hosts Contractor's Open House

Construction professionals descend on DDC at agency's 3rd informational open house.

New York – The New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) hosted an Open House for construction professionals yesterday on January 28, 2016. Over 300 representatives from a range of construction industry professions attended to hear about upcoming projects and contracts that will be made available to them.



Above: NYC DDC Commissioner. Feniosky Peña-Mora, addresses construction professionals at the DDC's Contractor's Open House on Thursday.

Highlighting a \$2.4 billion portfolio, the two-hour presentation included data on the public building and infrastructure projects DDC completed for New York City in 2015. Of these projects \$1.4 went into public buildings – mostly fueled by a commitment to the federally funded Build it Back program, while

\$1 billion was spent on improving infrastructure in the city’s water systems, roads, pedestrian plazas and storm management systems. MWBE businesses accounted for 35% of DDC’s contracts in the fiscal year.

“It’s so important for us to have you here; you are the ones that help us build the city,” said **DDC Commissioner Feniosky Peña-Mora**. “We are a ten billion dollar agency. We have completed our 4000th project. We can talk until we become blue, but without the contractors and consultants nothing will happen and that’s why it’s so important to have this conversation, to hear what your needs are and how we can help to realize the work we are all discussing.”



Left: Construction professionals fill the atrium at the DDC office in Long Island City in order to learn about upcoming civic projects in public buildings and infrastructure.

Right: Chief Diversity & Industry Relations Officer, Maggie Austin (right), speaks with building contractors during the DDC Contractor’s Open House.

Delivering an overview of upcoming contracting opportunities for public buildings, **Associate Commissioner Christine Flaherty** unveiled plans for a gut rehabilitation of FDNY’s Engine Company 293 (Queens), a renovation of the auditorium at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum and construction of the NYPD’s 40th precinct in the Bronx. These projects, along with 48 other public building plans, are in the DDC’s pipeline.

“Currently we have about 279 projects in the pipeline at a value of approximately \$4.6 billion over the next ten years,” said **Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Eric Macfarlane**.

Upcoming infrastructure projects include a citywide sidewalk restoration around hydrants, reconstruction of existing sewers in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, as well as construction on pedestrian plazas such as Bogardus plaza in Manhattan and Broadway Bedford plaza in Brooklyn.

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The Department of Design and Construction is the City’s primary capital construction project manager. In supporting Mayor de Blasio’s lenses of growth, sustainability, resiliency, equity and healthy living, DDC provides communities with new or renovated public buildings, new or upgraded roadways, sewers, water



mains in all five boroughs. To manage this \$10 billion portfolio, DDC partners with other City agencies, architects and consultants, whose experience bring efficient, innovative, and environmentally-conscious design and construction strategies to City projects. For more information, please visit nyc.gov/DDC