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## First Wave of NY Works Projects Opened for Bidding Announced

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*Weeks After Launch of NY Works Program, Expedited Bidding Process Ensures Construction Can Begin This Summer*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the first wave of NY Works pavement and bridge project contracts have been opened for bidding. The five contracts, consisting of 51 projects, represent more than \$64 million in highway and bridge construction work in communities across the state.

With today's announcement, the first wave of NY Works contracts are open to bid less than a month after Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed the 2012-2013 Budget allowing funding for these projects to move forward. As a result of the expedited bidding process coordinated by NY Works, construction on the first wave of projects is scheduled to begin by June.

Senator Steve Saland said, "Less than 30 days after the Legislature passed the State Budget, we are opening the bidding process for the first wave of NY Works pavement and bridge project contracts. All of these projects are critical investments to improve our aging infrastructure, create thousands of jobs and improve public safety. I am pleased to have been able to work with Governor Cuomo and members of the State Legislature to create the NY Works program and pleased that there are several initiatives in Columbia County that have been identified for this initial stage."

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald said, "Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, the DOT has transformed itself into a department that gets things done – and gets them done quickly as we proved when we repaired hundreds of roads and bridges in record time following Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Today, less than three weeks after the 2012-13 budget was approved, we have more than 50 projects already out the door – and this is just the beginning. The bids received represent \$12.6 million or 16 percent in savings from Department estimates, proving that bundling projects will ensure work is done smarter, faster and for less money. In the months ahead we will announce even more projects under the Governor's ambitious NY Works program that will further improve our system and add even more jobs to the economy."

Projects with final design approval were advertised to pre-approved construction contractors in advance of the bid opening date. Contractors then develop detailed plans for construction that were submitted to the State Department of Transportation (DOT). The contractor with the lowest bid will have its proposal sent to the State Attorney General and State Comptroller's offices for review and approval.

Bundling projects sites within close geographic locations into a single contract enables DOT to lower expenses and obtain lower bids. Funding from the NY Works program allows DOT to address infrastructure deficiencies before they become large-scale projects that require expensive repairs. NY Works is designed to address not only the infrastructure needs of all deteriorating roads and bridges, but the program will also focus on pavement and bridge decks that are in fair condition and improve their condition to good. This preventive maintenance type of work is designed to better preserve the state's infrastructure and guard against the need for more costly, in-depth construction projects.

NY Works is the centerpiece of Governor Cuomo's jobs program, reinventing state economic development with an innovative new strategy to put New Yorkers back to work rebuilding

the state's infrastructure. The program is designed to create tens of thousands of jobs by coordinating comprehensive capital plans, overseeing all investment in infrastructure projects, and accelerating hundreds of critical projects across the state. NY Works leverages four federal dollars for every dollar of state spending.

Bid openings occurred on the following pavement and bridge projects:

- An estimated \$9.7 million contract to resurface pavement on:

- Ø Major Deegan Expressway (Interstate 87) from the Bruckner Expressway to Fordham Road and from the Mosholu Parkway to the Bronx county line in the Bronx.

- An estimated \$17.9 million contract to resurface pavement on:

- Ø Prospect Expressway (Route 27) from the Gowanus Expressway to Church Avenue and the West Shore Expressway (Route 440) from Rossville Avenue to the Staten Island Expressway in Richmond and Kings counties.

- An estimated \$10.8 million bridge contract to replace decks on the bridges carrying:

- Ø Latta Brook Road over Interstate 86 in the town of Horseheads, Chemung County;

- Ø Route 417 over Bennetts Creek in the town of Greenwood, Steuben County;

- Ø Michigan Hollow Road over the Genesee Expressway in the town of Avoca, Steuben County;

- Ø Interstate 86 eastbound and westbound over B&H Railroad in the town of Bath, Steuben County;

- Ø Route 36 over Loder Street in the town of Homellsville, Steuben County; and

Ø Route 417 over Tuscarora Creek in the town of Tuscarora, Steuben County.

· An estimated \$13.1 million contract to resurface pavement on:

Ø Route 4 between routes 9 and 151 (Red Mill Road/Luther Road) in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 9W between Route 396 (Bridge Street) and the Coeymans/Bethlehem town line in Albany County;

Ø Route 7 between routes 278 and 123 (Ford Avenue) in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 2 between Peckhem Pond/Yerton Road and routes 4 and 151 (Red Mill/Luther roads) in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 22 between Route 7 and River Road in the village of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 22 between routes 2 and 346 (Rabbit College Road) in the town of Petersburg, Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 355 between routes 154 and 351 in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 40 between Church Street and Hansen Road in the town of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 40 between Route 125/67 and the Washington county line in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 43 from Route 23 to Old Mill Road in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 67 from the Champlain Canal/Hemstreet Park to Route 40 in the town of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 67 between Route 22 and the New York/Vermont state line in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 151 from Brookhaven Lane to Hilltop Road in the village of Luther, Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 351 between Routes 154/355 and Dater Hill Road in Rensselaer County;

Ø Route 4 between Ryder Road and 7th Avenue in the village of Whitehall, Washington County;

Ø Route 22 from Spring Street to McMillan Road in the town of Hebron, Washington County;

Ø Route 22 from Mahaffy Road to Chamberlain Mills/Sheldon roads in the village of Hebron, Washington County;

Ø Route 40 between Ferry Road and Route 29 in Washington County;

Ø Route 20 from the Rensselaer county line to Route 22 in Columbia County;

Ø Route 66 from Claverack Creek to Route 203 in Columbia County; and

Ø Route 9H between Routes 9/82 and Route 66 in Columbia County.

· An estimated \$12.7 million contract to apply pavement sealant to prevent water infiltration on:

Ø Route 30 from the Schoharie county line to Route 20 (Easton Road) in Schenectady County;

Ø Route 29 from the village of Greenwich to Route 22 in Washington County;

Ø Route 86 from Lake Placid to Wilmington in Essex County;

- Ø Route 20 from Routes 9/20 to Columbia county line in Rensselaer County;
- Ø Route 49 from Route 291 to the Rome city line in Oneida County;
- Ø Route 173 from West Genesee Street to Route 175 in Onondaga County;
- Ø Route 38 from Route 366 in Freeville to the Groton village line in Tompkins County;
- Ø Route 173 from the village of Manlius to the Madison county line in Onondaga County;
- Ø Route 277 from French Road to Como Park in Erie County;
- Ø Route 219 between Route 98 and Ellicottville south village line in Cattaraugus County;
- Ø Route 425 from Route 62 to Lockport Road in Niagara County;
- Ø Main Street from Interstate 86 Exit 16 to Route 394 in Cattaraugus County;
- Ø Route 277 from Route 391 to the Chestnut Park entrance in Erie County;
- Ø Route 62 from Frewsburg to Hartson Road in Chautauqua County;
- Ø Route 75 from New Oregon to the junction of Route 62 in Erie County;
- Ø Route 62 from Hartson Road to the Interstate 86 ramps in Chautauqua County;
- Ø Route 305 from Cuba to Belfast in Alleghany County;
- Ø Route 14A from Dundee to the Milo town line in Yates County;
- Ø Route 225 from South Corning to Golden Glow in Chemung, Steuben County;
- Ø Route 26 from Potters Corners to the Turin village line in Lewis County;

Ø Route 970T from Route 30 to the Canadian border in Franklin County; and

Ø Route 7 from Sidney to Unadilla in Otsego County.

This is the start of the construction season, and DOT will be advertising and opening contract bids for NY Works programs over the next three months.

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