

GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

May 6, 2024

Public Comments for May 6, 2024 Board Meeting

(Received as of May 5, 2024)

*The public was encouraged to submit public comments via the comment form on
www.GatewayProgram.org.*

Name	Edward Funches
Organization	Inclusion Marketing And Advertisement Group Inc
Comment Topic	Disability community, formerly incarcerated, and people experience homelessness
I would like to attend in person	



Gateway Development Project

May 06, 2024

Greetings,

I'm Edward Funches, the Founder/President of Inclusion. I established this company with the mission to raise awareness for the disability community, which unfortunately experiences the highest unemployment rate among all communities. Additionally, I advocate for formerly incarcerated individuals and those experiencing homelessness, as I have firsthand experience with both. In building my company, I've relied on the support of these individuals, who not only believed in me but also shared my vision.

We are certified by the Port Authority MWBE/DBE and we have been in business for 10yrs. If the Gateway Development project believes in equal opportunity, diversity, and Inclusion then we should be a part of this project in some capacity.

The \$16B Gateway Program is a once in a lifetime effort that should economically benefit all of us who live and work in the Region. There is a human side to all brick-and-mortar projects. GDC should investigate how it can include those with physical disabilities and challenges. The project is big enough and long enough to encourage the unions to offer more apprenticeship opportunities for minorities and ex-offenders.

Every day I wake up, I am thankful for those who provided me with the inspiration to change my life and enable me to help change the lives of others. There are not enough firms like Inclusion trying to help lead the way and open doors for those seeking redemption and a new start.

Provide us with opportunities and we will help put people back to work and make the dream of Gateway a reality. I thank you for your time today and am prepared to sit with anyone to discuss further. Have a great day and thanks for listening.

Kind Regards,

Edward C Funches

President

Inclusion Mobile Detailing.

7 Dekalb Suite 10 B

Brooklyn, NY 11201

Office: 646-807-3807

Office: 845-445-4385

Cell: 347-538-1935

Edward@inclusion-tm.com

www.inclusionthemovement.com

Inclusion Projects



Hauling



YouTube Link:

<https://youtu.be/T11hZrNoYbA>

<https://youtu.be/HoLGXC1iC3c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfXoQpBSSvc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5zqn2N0ahs>

Name	Benjamin Guy
Organization	Franklin Grace Resource Center
Comment Topic	Prime Meetings and quarterly reporting for subcontracting
Update on releasing contracting options and schedule board	

Name	Allan Hunte
Organization	Grant Engineering & Construction Group, LLC
Comment Topic	Getting work for the Gateway Development projects
<p>Good day, as of 4/29/24, Grant Engineering & Construction Group, LLC have not been selected for any work related to the Gateway Development projects. We have heard at least 2-3 Primes have already built their teams and we were not contacted at all.</p> <p>We are a MBE and DBE firm that provides Civil Engineering, Transportation, Water/Waste Water and Construction and Program Management services. We provide our services to Government, Water/Waste Water, Education, Residential, Commercial and Industrial Market Sectors. Please see our attached Capabilities Statement.</p> <p>I am actually very surprised no one has reached out to us thus far.</p> <p>Please find a copy of our Capabilities Statement and Project Catalog in the link below.</p> <p>https://grantecg.egnyte.com/dl/L6hSJC4DuS</p>	

INDUSTRY CODES

DUNS #:	832490945
CAGE CODE:	6HH64

Capabilities Statement

ABOUT US

Headquarters: Newark, NJ

Established: 2012

Employees: 33

5 licensed engineers
(NY, NJ, PA, ID, USVI)

1 licensed surveyor (NJ)

Service Territories:

New York City
New Jersey
U.S. Virgin Islands

LICENSED IN THE FOLLOWING STATES:

Delaware Georgia Florida New York
New Jersey Pennsylvania U.S. Virgin Islands

CLIENTS BY MARKET SECTOR:

EDUCATION

- East Orange Board of Education

GOVERNMENT

- City of Newark
- City of Camden

WATER/WASTEWATER

- Newark Water Department
- City of Camden
- Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority

TRANSPORTATION

- Borough of Somerville (NJ)
- Passaic County (NJ)

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL

- Neptune Methodist Conference

NAICS Codes

541310	Architectural, Engineering & Related Services
541330	Engineering Services
541370	Surveying & Mapping
236116	Construction Management, Multifamily Buildings
236220	Construction Management, Commercial & Institutional Buildings
237110	Construction Management, Water and Sewage Treatment Plant
237310	Construction Management, Highway, Road, Street and Bridge
237990	Construction Management, Other Civil Engineering Construction

SERVICES

SURVEYING

Boundary Surveys
Topographic Surveys
Construction Stakeout
Infrastructure Mapping

PLANNING

Infrastructure Assessment
Capital Improvement
Land Use Master Plans

ENGINEERING

Site Civil Engineering
Structural Engineering

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Management
Program Management
Construction Inspection
Contract Administration

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Sector: Government
BOARDWALK RECONSTRUCTION
Construction Cost:
\$3 million



Sector: Water
LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT
Construction Cost:
\$122 million



Sector: Water
COMBINED SEWER REGULATOR UPGRADE
Construction Cost:
\$5 million

Sector: Government
MUNICIPAL BUILDING UPGRADE PROGRAM
Construction Cost:
\$16 million



Sector: Government
GREEN ST. OFFICE & PARKING GARAGE
Construction Cost:
\$34 million

