

Steel Construction Begins on Discovery Interdistrict Magnet School

K-8 Science & Technology School Will Serve Bridgeport and Adjoining Districts

BRIDGEPORT, CT (March, 11 2010) - The first piece of steel was placed on Monday for the Discovery Interdistrict Magnet School located at 4510 Park Ave., next to the Discovery Museum. The new K-8 magnet school will emphasize a science and technology curriculum for around 500 students from Bridgeport and adjoining school districts. The 68,333 square-foot facility, designed by Svigals & Partners of New Haven, is expected to garner a Leadership in Energy Efficiency Design (LEED) Rating, the greenest school building in the district to date.

“The Discovery School is going to create new opportunities in the sciences and technology for Bridgeport students,” said Mayor Bill Finch. “It is also setting the standard for green building design, and for regional cooperation among our school districts.”

The Discovery Magnet School construction is being managed by the minority-owned McCloud Group of New Jersey – the first time a minority-owned firm has managed construction for the City of Bridgeport. Steel construction of the school began on Monday after four months of excavation, foundation building, and underground mechanical work. Construction crews expect to have one complete wing of two stories of steel installed by the end of the week.

“This is a momentous occasion,” said Deborah Caviness, Senior Administrator of the Bridgeport Small & Minority Business Resource Office. “It is the first time a minority-owned business has been awarded a major construction management contract with the City of Bridgeport. We’re very excited to be working with the McCloud Group on this important project.”

“We have been impressed with the caliber and commitment of everyone involved with this project,” added Robert McCloud, President of the McCloud Group. “From the initial support we received from Mayor Finch and Deborah Caviness, to the enthusiasm of the architects and engineers, everyone has committed to meeting our goals and getting this project finished in a timely manner.”