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WVDOH awards ADA ramp contracts throughout West Virginia

On Tuesday, July 25, 2023, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) awarded contracts for projects to install or upgrade ADA curb ramps in nearly two dozen communities around West Virginia. The bid awards are from a bid letting held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

The WVDOH awarded 20 projects.

The ADA projects are a part of a federally mandated program to improve handicapped access on federally-funded roads. The WVDOH has been systematically upgrading ADA curb ramps all around the Mountain State for the past several years.

The WVDOH has been coordinating upgrading ADA curb ramps with other construction and paving projects, adding ramps before undertaking other paving or construction projects to better utilize taxpayer money.

Projects awarded on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, include:

SQP Construction Group Inc. was low bidder on an ADA curb ramp project in Clarksburg, Anmoore, and Shinnston, with a bid of \$1,514,062. (Harrison County)

SQP Construction Group Inc. was also low bidder on an ADA curb ramp project in Tunnelton, Albright, Kingwood, Rowlesburg, Newbug, Reedsville, Masontown, and Brandonville, with a bid of \$694,536. (Preston County)

SQP Construction Group Inc. was also low bidder on an ADA curb ramp project in Vienna, with a bid of \$736,746. (Wood County)

Kelly Paving Inc. was low bidder on an ADA curb ramp project along WV 14 in Elizabeth, Mineral Wells and Interstate 77 rest areas, with a bid of \$221,000. (Wirt and Wood counties)

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3 Reasons Contractors Should Hire More Women

National Center for Construction Education & Research findings highlight the critical roles of women

We need more of the right people for the construction industry to keep pace with project demand.

Statistics show that for every four people leaving the industry, only one enters. But keeping up is not just about numbers.

Recent research shows that women bring unique qualities to the jobsite that will help contractors improve project outcomes.

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) conducted focus groups in 2022 with 176 tradeswomen in the U.S. and Canada and gathered information from project management teams in separate focus groups. In addition, NCCER analyzed survey responses from 770 additional women in construction. This was followed by a 2023 survey conducted by Ambition Theory, a professional coaching and leadership development company, in collaboration with NCCER.

The research revealed several reasons that contractors might want to consider hiring more women.

1. Improve Productivity

Three strengths, which contribute to improved productivity, were identified in the research.

1. Attention to detail and following established processes.

Women tend to be more careful in executing their tasks with the required detailed specifications, which was mentioned in 69% of the focus groups. These qualities were corroborated by members of project management teams who participated in separate focus groups. One participant said: "Women are more likely to be perfectionists. We're way more likely to double check our own work. Another thing we bring to the table is the ability to follow process and pay attention to details."

Management team members agreed, stating that women are focused on following the prescribed work process as designed instead of relying on experience and physical strength.

2. Maintaining organized jobsites and taking care of equipment.

It's well known that downtime on the job is one of the factors that contributes to cost and schedule overruns. Often this is due to things beyond the individual field worker's control, such as late delivery of materials or equipment, project data resolution or coordination with other trades.

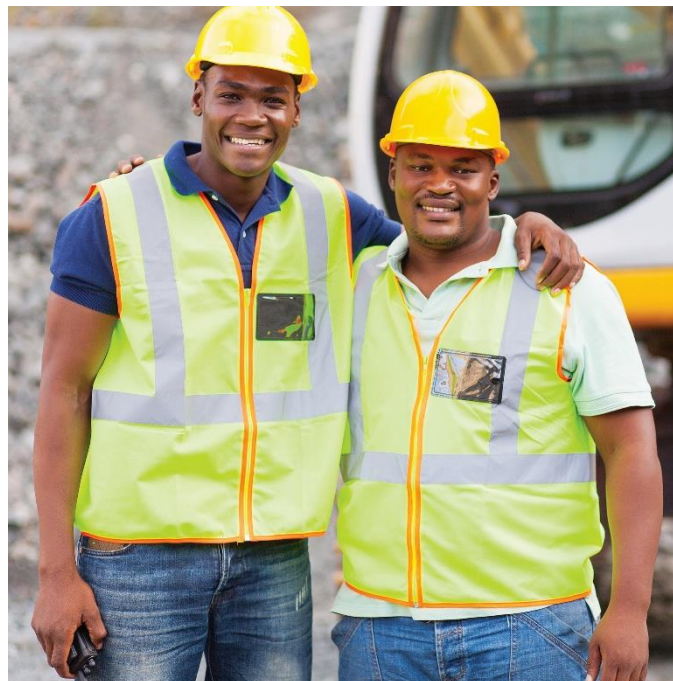
However, consider how much time is spent on a daily basis with gathering tools and materials, something that the individual worker does have control over.

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About The WVDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on WVDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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