

## MOVING FORWARD WITH DIGGS



### INTRODUCING THE HEALTHCARE DIVISION AND GEORGE TAWEH

We are excited to introduce Diggs Healthcare Group, a new division of Diggs Construction. Our skilled staff has strong knowledge in the healthcare construction industry and extensive expertise in building, renovating and expanding complex medical projects including nursing homes, specialty care units, medical office buildings and dialysis clinics. We assist our clients in all their project needs from scope development to planning and estimating. For projects in occupied spaces, we prepare detailed phasing plans to avoid costly project overruns and delays.

We are proud to introduce a new member of our Diggs team, George Taweh. George is serving as our Director of Healthcare and will be responsible for business development for the Healthcare Group. George has 18 years of professional experience in the Construction industry, and 14+ years in Healthcare Construction where he has served as Vice President, Senior Project Manager and Regional Project Manager, and managed over 250 Healthcare projects for various clients in the Eastern United States. George graduated with his Masters in both Engineering and Business Administration from the University of Hartford. He is also the author of *The Dialysis Project Management Guide*, a complete guide to developing, designing, managing and building dialysis clinics.

### DIGGS CONSTRUCTION, LLC AWARDED PROJECTS IN NEW HAVEN AND MERIDEN, CT



New Haven, CT - As part of the West Rock development program for the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven, a new residential community will be created consisting of 433 newly constructed dwelling units, both rental and homeownership. Kyma Harrison is serving as Construction Monitor for the Brookside Homeownership and Brookside Rental Phase 1 portions of the program with budgets of \$30 million and \$4.8 million respectively. Joseph DeSanti will serve as Executive Support.



Meriden, CT - A new 6,000 sf facility for American Renal Dialysis is underway with George Taweh serving as Project Manager and Mike Boronowskus as Superintendent. The 2,700 sf treatment area within the facility has twelve treatment stations and 1 Isolation room to treat patients with contagious diseases. Part of the clinic is a Peritoneal Dialysis training room and Home Hemo Dialysis training room to serve patients with at home dialysis needs. There are Medication Prep, Lab, Soiled Utility and Home Training Rooms supporting the patient treatment room. The heart of the

Dialysis Center is the 300 sf Water Treatment Room that includes a sophisticated Reverse Osmosis system that delivers high quality pure water for each patient station on the treatment floor along with several loops that distribute medications.

### CAPITAL PREPARATORY MAGNET SCHOOL BLACK TIE GALA

Hartford, CT - Capital Preparatory Magnet School hosted a Black Tie Gala Celebration on September 3, 2010, where approximately 250 guests gathered to celebrate the dedication of the Elizabeth Horton Sheff Center for Social Justice as well as the new Social Justice Scholarship Fund. Education advocate and actor, Dr. Bill Cosby was the Special Guest of the evening and inspired all who attended. Near the close of the event, Principal, Dr. Steve Perry gave closing remarks and showed specific appreciation to Diggs Construction, LLC. In the adjacent photo, left to right: Derrick Diggs (Diggs), Dr. Bill Cosby, Joseph DeSanti (Diggs), and Paul Wojtowicz of Downes.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PROJECT TEAMS FOR THE COMPLETION OF 4 PROJECTS

Diggs Construction, LLC, Program Manager for the Hartford School Construction Program, is proud to announce the completion of three Hartford schools. Mary M. Hooker Environmental Sciences Magnet School, Capital Preparatory Magnet School, and Annie Fisher Montessori/STEM School were all completed recently for the start of the 2010 academic year. In Houston, Texas, Diggs Construction partnered with PCJ Consultants to complete the Lone Star Parking Garage.



**Mary M. Hooker Environmental Sciences Magnet School** will be the first LEED Gold project in the Hartford School Program. Diggs Construction, along with the Construction Manager PDS Construction and the Architect, BL Companies, provided a state-of-the-art facility that with an interactive science theater, a greenhouse, a weather station, an aquatics lab, a butterfly vivarium, and an eco-pond for the students' enhanced environmental educational experience. The construction consists of the complete renovation of the existing facility and the construction of three new additions.

Through Diggs' leadership and quality control, the project is comfortably within budget. As a result, the HSBC was able to include significant additional work into the project within the existing grant commitment.

Project Cost: \$41,775,200

Student Capacity: 660



**Capital Preparatory Magnet School** now dwells within a 1920's vintage masonry building. The project included complete renovation of all MEP systems and interior finishes, technology and code upgrades, and restoration of the masonry façade. Part of the challenge was to renovate the existing facility into a modern building while maintaining its classical appeal and appearance, ultimately transforming into an Ivy league campus environment. Hartford Public School's COO, Alex Nardone mentioned that "this is the most beautiful school renovation yet." As a testament to the project's success, the project won the 2010 Hartford Preservation Award for Building Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.

Furthermore, the project was designed to maximize energy efficiency with a sophisticated controls system for full building automation. Our project involvement included revisions to the educational specifications, oversight/management of all phases: design phase, bidding, construction, and closeout.

Project Cost: \$41,070,000

Student Capacity: 600



The **Annie Fisher Montessori/STEM School** project included construction phases of additions and phased renovations/restorations while fully occupied. The project consisted of Montessori and STEM, two programs operating within a single facility. The STEM portion of the program focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math. The school district's goal with this project was to complete a learning corridor in the Northwest part of the City, hoping that students would attend Annie Fisher Montessori/STEM (PK-8), advancing to University High School of Science and Engineering (grades 9-12 also

under the management of Diggs Construction) and then graduating to the University of Hartford. Part of the challenge was maintaining school operation during construction. The project included complete renovation of the entire building, including but not limited to substantial asbestos abatement, new MEP systems, technology and code upgrades, and interior finishes. Furthermore, the project is designed to maximize energy efficiency involving the use of multiple systems.

Project Cost: \$38,438,000

Student Capacity: 750

Diggs Construction, LLC with joint venture partner, PCJ Consultants, Inc. provided the Design/Build services for the construction of the **Lone Star Parking Garage** at Lone Star College System – Montgomery campus in Houston, Texas. The parking garage is a pre-concrete structure with a parking capacity of 979 cars and a 1,000 sf Police Substation. The construction cost was estimated to be over \$9,000,000, however Diggs/PCJ saved the owner over \$700,000 during the bidding and subsequent buy-out process. Diggs Construction, LLC was responsible for building the facility as well as managing the Architect, Harrison Komberg Architects, and their sub-consultants during the design services phase. The project started in June 2009, and was completed in September 2010.

