

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## OUTREACH AND RESOURCES

*Produced by the EWR Redevelopment Community Outreach Offices of Elizabeth and Newark*



## Looking Ahead: Industry Day at Newark Liberty International Airport

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will host **Industry Day on April 14**, bringing businesses, contractors, community partners, and residents together, both in person and virtually, to explore upcoming opportunities at the Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR).

The event will highlight the agency's 2026-2035 Capital Plan, which includes significant investments supporting the redevelopment of EWR. Attendees will gain insight into upcoming projects and priorities shaping the future of the airport and region. Planned initiatives include runway rehabilitation and taxiway realignment, continued improvements to Terminal A, the development of a new Terminal B, replacement and relocation of the Central Heating and Refrigeration Plant (CHRP), and the replacement of the airport's AirTrain system.

Together, these projects represent a major investment in modernizing airport infrastructure while creating opportunities for businesses and partners across the region. Industry Day will offer a preview of scope of work ahead and how stakeholders can get involved.



**Register by April 7<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot.**

<https://www.portauthoritybuilds.com/redevelopment/us/en/ewr/events/industry-day-2026.html>

### Businesses interested in working with The Port Authority of NY & NJ are encouraged to take the next step:

- Register as a vendor with the Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Explore certification opportunities for MWBE/DBE Businesses
- Become formally designated as a Local Business through our EWR Local Business Enterprise Program
- Get connected with the EWR Community Outreach Offices



# CONNECT WITH US

Ready to do business with the Port Authority?

Register, get certified, and connect with the Community Outreach Offices to stay ahead of upcoming opportunities at Newark Liberty International Airport. Connect with us here: [EWR Community Outreach & Engagement](#)



Port Authority team members from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the EWR Outreach Team sharing information to attendees



Ryan Hatch, EWR Program Director presents EWR AirTrain overview.

## Happenings in Newark

### Connecting Through the AirTrain Replacement Program

Engagement around the future AirTrain replacement at Newark Liberty International Airport continued throughout early 2026, bringing together businesses, community leaders, and partners at several different events:

At the City of Newark Men's & Women's Meeting, hosted by Mayor Ras Baraka and the BRICK Education Network, more than 200 attendees gathered to learn about contracting opportunities tied to this major infrastructure project.

Representatives from Port Authority project teams and prime contractors — including Tutor Perini, O&G Industries, Doppelmayr, and DMR Construction Services — shared insights into upcoming work and how businesses can prepare to participate.

Additional engagement continued through the Newark Regional Business Partnership's Engage & Exchange session, where conversations expanded to include nonprofit partners to strengthen support for local businesses and workforce development strategies.

These discussions reinforce a shared goal: ensuring local businesses are positioned to benefit from major regional investments.

## Happenings in Elizabeth

### Makers Day Brings Ideas to Life

Creativity was on full display at the Elizabeth Public Library during New Jersey Makers Day on March 21, 2026.

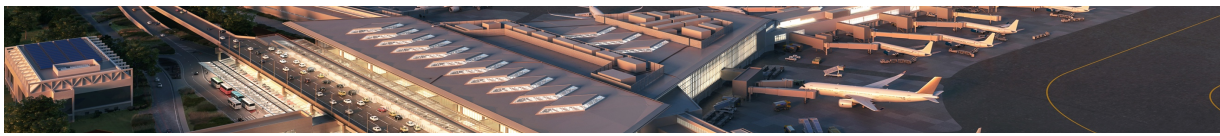
Participants had the opportunity to speak with young students about the STEM program in partnership with Kean University and introduced community members to the PA Build training program, opening doors to careers and skills that can shape their future. Entrepreneurs and small business owners learned about workshops and resources designed to help them grow.

Beyond the information shared, the day was about connection. Events like Makers Day remind us that one conversation or one experience can spark something bigger.



*Whether you're seeking contracting opportunities or partnership connections, the EWR Redevelopment Outreach Team is here to help you stay informed and prepared.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.ANEWWR.COM](http://WWW.ANEWWR.COM)**



United Way of Greater Newark, EWR Newark Outreach Specialist, Lana Vercellino, and other Community Stakeholders pose for a group photo.



Newark Outreach Specialist Lana Vercellino (left) and Celia King, Executive Director of Leadership Newark (right) reading to a Kindergarten Class at Ann Street School.



## Inspiring the Next Generation Through Storytelling

The EWR Redevelopment Community Outreach Office was welcomed with open arms by Ann Street School for a lively book reading with students. The visit was part of the United Way of Greater Newark's Celebrity Reads Program, which brings community leaders into classrooms to share stories that spark imagination and possibility.

Students gathered for a story time adventure featuring *Nobody Owns the Sky*, *Flying Free: How Bessie Coleman's Dreams Took Flight*, and *I Am Amelia Earhart*. The books celebrate the incredible journeys of women who broke barriers and followed big dreams.

Moments like these remind us that sometimes all it takes is a good book, a curious classroom, and most importantly, exposure – to spark the next generation of leaders.



Schools and community organizations may request book readings by email at [anewewr@panynj.gov](mailto:anewewr@panynj.gov)

## Career Corner

### PAPD Youth Academy – Applications Now Open



The Port Authority Police Department Youth Academy is now accepting applications for its upcoming summer program.

This immersive, week-long experience offers students a unique opportunity to learn about careers in law enforcement, leadership, and public service—while building confidence, teamwork, and life skills.

#### Program Details:

- Dates: July 20 – July 24
- Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Location: PATC, 241 Erie Street, Jersey City

#### Who Can Apply:

- Applications are open to rising juniors and seniors attending high schools in communities surrounding Port Authority facilities.

#### Important Deadline:

- Applications must be submitted by May 22

#### Questions?

- Contact: [papdcaa@panynj.gov](mailto:papdcaa@panynj.gov)

### Take the Next Step in Your Career

Workforce development gives you the tools and support to keep learning, take on new opportunities, and move forward with confidence.

It's more than training—it's about unlocking potential, strengthening communities, and creating real pathways to success. Whether you're starting fresh, building new skills, or advancing your career, opportunities are within reach.

#### Ready to get started?

- Explore programs and resources at Council for Airport Opportunity: [www.caonynj.com](http://www.caonynj.com)



## Spotlight Story

### Why the PA Build Program Matters

Elias Quispe spent more than a decade working in Elizabeth before discovering a new path through the PA Build program. In 2021, an unexpected opportunity came his way when a friend encouraged him to connect with Elizabeth Development Company (EDC). There, he met Edgar Lopez, who introduced him to careers in high-demand trades.

Curious about new possibilities, Elias explored asbestos handling—a specialized skill in demand. While he initially considered boiler repair, PA Build’s promise of hands-on training and long-term career growth ultimately drew him in.

By 2023, Elias had earned licenses to work in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York, and secured a position with the Building and General Construction Laborers Local 3—stepping into a career filled with opportunity.

Today, Elias lives in Union Township with his wife, surrounded by family and inspired by his journey, he is now motivated to share his experience and uplift others in his community.

PA Build didn’t just teach a trade—it opened the door to a brighter future.

*Be on the lookout for the next PA Build training program in January 2027.*



## DID YOU KNOW?

### What is the Local Business Enterprise (LBE) Program?

The LBE Program recognizes businesses located within designated “zones” as local for redevelopment projects.

#### Why it matters:

- Encourages economic growth in surrounding communities
- Creates access to contracting opportunities
- Requires contractors to make good-faith efforts toward LBE participation

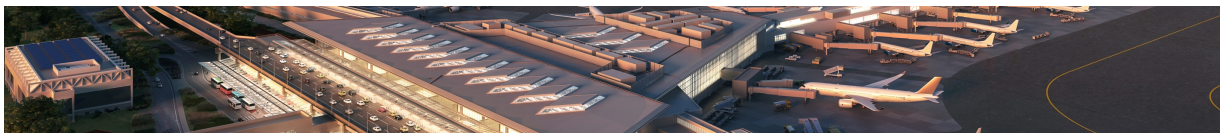
#### Who qualifies?

Businesses operating within designated zones for at least one year, with leadership actively managing operations.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity please visit:

<https://www.portauthoritybuilds.com/redevelopment/us/en/ewr/work-with-us/local-business-enterprise--lbe--program.html>

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## Business Opportunities

### Connect with Prime Contractors at EWR

The EWR Redevelopment Community Outreach Offices in Newark and Elizabeth are hosting meet-and-greet sessions to connect local businesses with prime contractors.

Representatives from Doppelmayr, leading the AirTrain replacement project, will be available to discuss upcoming subcontracting opportunities.

#### Upcoming Dates:

- Newark: April 14 and April 30
- Elizabeth: April 23 and May 5

Appointments are required. Contact your local Outreach Office to reserve a spot by emailing [ANEWEWR@panynj.gov](mailto:ANEWEWR@panynj.gov).



## Upcoming Event

### How to Do Business with the Port Authority

Mark your calendar for **May 7**.

The EWR Redevelopment Community Outreach team, Procurement Department, and Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion will partner with Invest Newark to host an informational session for local Newark businesses.

Details will be available on the EWR Redevelopment website [event calendar](#).

## WHAT OUR OUTREACH DOES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our outreach isn't just about recruitment, it's about connection, trust, and opportunity. We show up where it matters most: in neighborhoods, schools, and community spaces—listening, guiding, and opening doors.

We help community members turn ambition into action by connecting them with real career pathways, mentorship, and resources that can change lives. At the same time, we bring stakeholders into the process—creating partnerships that strengthen public safety, economic mobility, and community trust.

### The impact?

Stronger relationships. More opportunities. A pipeline of dedicated individuals ready to serve and represent the communities they come from.

Together, we're not just filling positions—we're shaping the future of our community.

### Stay connected and informed!

To learn more, reach out to us using the contact information below—we'd love to hear from you

#### Visit us at:

<https://www.portauthoritybuilds.com/redevelopment/us/en/ewr/community-outreach.html>

#### Email us at:

[anewewr@panynj.gov](mailto:anewewr@panynj.gov)

#### Call us at:

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Elizabeth Community Office: (201) 395-7421



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