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LIRR Business Opportunities for Small, Minority and Women Business Owners



Pictured l-r: Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning Joanne Minieri, Executive Director of the Association for a Better Long Island Desmond Ryan, Legislator Sarah Anker, Commissioner of the Department of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs Samuel Chu, and Executive Director of the Long Island Contractor's Association Marc Herbst.

Brentwood, NY, April 2013 – Legislator Sarah Anker recently attended an event that will facilitate future economic opportunities to small, minority and women-owned businesses. Sponsored by County Executive Steve Bellone and Long Island Railroad (LIRR) President Helena E. Williams, the event was held to facilitate participation in procurements with the LIRR. The upcoming project supports a \$138 million project to build a second track on the LIRR’s main line from Farmingdale to Ronkonkoma beginning in July 2013.

“The project will help to promote the continued economic development of Suffolk County, as well as create hundreds of job opportunities,” said Legislator Anker. “Through participation in this event, women and minorities have learned how to be more competitive for the work associated with this project.”

The first phase of the project – from Ronkonkoma to Central Islip - is scheduled to begin by the end of the year. The second phase of the project – from Central Islip to Farmingdale – requires another \$300 million in funding and could begin in 2016.