

Customer Story

NYC Department of Education Readies School in Short Time

New York City
Department of
Education

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Challenge

Faced with a mayoral mandate to add more Pre-K schools in the city, the NYC Department of Education (DOE) leased space for a school from the Roman Catholic Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Queens. Even though the church was already equipped with lockers and gymnasias, major renovations were required to have the space - named Universal Pre-K - ready for students. There were offices to build, water fountains to install and classrooms to paint, among other things. The NYC DOE had limited time and a limited budget, and it needed a contractor that would preserve the integrity of the storied parish.

Solution

To save time and money on the project, the NYC Department of Education accessed Gordian's Job Order Contracting (JOC) solution. JOC enables contractors to complete a substantial



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number of individual projects with a single bid. Tasks are based on competitively-awarded, local preset prices. Pro Con Group Inc. was awarded the project, which included installing a wrought iron fence and gate outside the play yard and building new nurse's and principal's offices.

Result

The work demanded an extraordinary amount of care to avoid disturbing church activities or interfering with the schedules of priests who lived in the building. Additionally, religious items also had to be carefully removed from the space during renovations. Ultimately, the project was finished within budget and on time, without disturbing the church. Children that previously didn't have access to Pre-K education now enjoy the center daily while the church operates around it, serving its parish as it always had.