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BIDS & boards: Twenty-Six Businesses Sign or Renew Leases at Brooklyn Navy Yard

BROOKLYN — Twenty-six small businesses recently signed leases, renewed leases or expanded operations at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York City's largest, single-landlord industrial park. The firms collectively occupy more than 113,000 square feet of property and together represent a workforce of 118 people.

Owned by the City of New York and managed by the not-for-profit Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation (BNYDC), the 300-acre Navy Yard is home to more than 230 private-sector tenants employing approximately 4,500 workers.

Included among the businesses are a furniture manufacturer, a sand and stone distributor, a kitchen cabinet manufacturer, a photography studio and an art installation firm.

“The Brooklyn Navy Yard is one of the few locations in New York City that can provide small industrial businesses with ample space and opportunities to flourish,” said Andrew Kimball, BNYDC president. “The City of New York continues to make substantial investments in the Brooklyn Navy Yard and these investments successfully promote job growth and business expansion. Significantly, approximately half of the workers employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard are residents of Brooklyn.”

The Brooklyn Navy Yard's existing 3.5 million square feet of space — currently consisting of 40 rentable buildings — is 98 percent occupied. As part of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's five-borough economic development plan, the Navy Yard plans to add 500,000 square feet of commercial, industrial and retail space and 500 jobs over the next five years in the first phase of its expansion.

Chaired by Alan H. Fishman, president and CEO of Independence Community Bank, the BNYDC board recently took final action on the following attractions, expansions and renewals:

- Akiva Supplies, Inc.: An office supply company with four workers, this firm renewed a 469-square-foot lease for use as office space.
- Art Model Wood, Inc.: Working in fine carpentry and antique furniture restoration, this two-employee company signed a 1,019-square-foot lease.
- AR-C Designs: This graphic design and printing company signed a 650-square-foot lease for use by its five employees.

- Aswoon/Susan Woods Studio, LLC: An artisan with a workforce of four people, this company renewed a 1,294 square-foot lease for the fabrication and production of store displays and other custom architectural metal work. In total this company occupies 6,400 square-feet in the Navy Yard.

- Bower Publishing Company, Inc.: This four-employee boutique specialty publishing company renewed a 600-square-foot lease for printing and typesetting. Bower occupies a total of 5,500 square feet in the Yard.

- Brooks Services, Inc.: This company renewed a 10,300-square-foot lease for use as a refrigerated warehouse. The firm employs four people.

- City Landmark Corp.: This general contractor, with a five-person workforce, signed a new lease for 1,730 square feet.

- Del Express, Inc.: This trucking and airfreight company — with a workforce of 10 — renewed a 1,300-

square-foot lease for office and storage space.

- DFORM, Inc.: DFORM, Inc. This company signed a 2,800-square-foot lease for use in designing and manufacturing lighting fixtures. It employs three people.

- E & C Decorators: This custom upholstered furniture maker, which employs five people, signed a new lease for 2,482 square feet.

- Evan Hughes Furniture: This furniture company renewed a 4,015-square-foot lease for the design, manufacturing and storage of custom woodwork. The firm employs four people.

- Famous Express, Inc.: This five-employee trucking company renewed a 1,011-square-foot lease for use as office space.

- GM Pinks Corporation: The five-person firm expanded to 17,000 square feet for the storage of furniture and cabinetry.

- GMC & D, Inc.: With a workforce of three people, this construction and design company signed a 2,927-square-foot lease for use in the manufacturing of home furnishings, and also for office space. • Joseph Peller: This two-employee design firm signed a new 2,800-square-foot lease for office and studio space.

- Linden Forms & Systems, Inc.: This office supply company renewed a 1,371-square-foot lease for the storage and distribution of stationery and office supplies. The company has two employees. • Mariano Pastor, Inc.: This photography company signed a 2,817-square-foot lease to create office space for commercial photography, advertising and web development. The company has a workforce of six people.

- Modern Rad: This radiology equipment company, with two employees, renewed a 558-square-foot lease for office space and the storage of tools and equipment.

- Noori Liquidation Center, Inc.: This five-employee company signed a new, 11,120-square-foot lease for the storage and distribution of Oriental and Persian rugs.
- Noted, LLC: This three-employee company expanded to occupy of total of 2,074 square feet for the storage and distribution of museum gifts and toys.
- Paula Rubenstein LTD: This antique dealer, which employs two people, signed a new lease for 1,100 square feet for restoration work as well as storage space.
- Puerto Rico U.S.A. Imports: A food importing broker employing two people, this firm signed a new lease for 600 square feet of office space.
- R & L Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Service: This four-employee contractor renewed an 883-square-foot lease for office space. R & L has a total of 2,600 square-feet in the Navy Yard. • SceniCorporation of New York: This company renewed a 6,045 square-foot lease for the manufacturing of theatrical sets, signage and store interiors. The firm has 10 employees and occupies a total of 12,000 square feet of space in the Yard
- Strand Freight Systems, Inc.: This 10-employee shipping company renewed a 9,600-square-foot lease for the packing, storage and shipping of household goods for international moving.
- UKAGOD International Co.: This company renewed a 1,220-square-foot lease for the warehousing and shipping of close-out clothing to Africa. The firm employs three people.
- Zomax: This five-employee company renewed a 23,142-square-foot lease for the distribution of hardware and small tools.