



## NEWS RELEASE

# Sheela, Inc. recognized with Award of Merit for outstanding principles and practices in Job Order Contracting

**CITY, ST** – Sheela, Inc. was recently recognized with a 2015 Award of Merit for exemplifying outstanding principles and practices for its involvement in the Effluent Channel Expansion Joint Repair project, and was a finalist for the 2015 Harry H. Mellon Award of Excellence in Job Order Contracting.

### DESCRIPTION OF AWARD-WINNING PROJECT

Job Order Contracting (JOC) is a competitively bid construction procurement process government agencies use to accomplish a large number of repair, alteration and straightforward construction projects based on a set of locally priced construction tasks and competitively awarded contracts. Since its invention in 1982, JOC has developed into a popular solution for public agencies, such as municipalities, school districts, colleges and universities, transit systems and public housing authorities, to manage and expedite a large number of construction projects. The Harry H. Mellon Award of Excellence in Job Order Contracting is named for the inventor of the procurement process, and is the highest honor in the industry. Five Award of Merit Winners are announced each year, along with one winner of the Harry H. Mellon Award of Excellence in Job Order Contracting.

In 2015, thousands of separate projects were completed using Job Order Contracting. A panel of industry experts chose the finalists and winner from among the projects submitted.

Since 2007, this award has recognized the facility owners, managers and contractors who perform the essential, yet often thankless, repair, alteration and maintenance work that is the core of the Job Order Contracting system, in an efficient and effective manner.

The awards are sponsored by The Gordian Group to recognize the facility owners and professionals who perform the essential, yet unglamorous function of maintaining the safe and efficient use of public buildings and infrastructure through Job Order Contracting. The Gordian Group created Job Order Contracting and a number of related construction-procurement systems. Gordian is the Job Order Contracting industry expert, and as such, advances the discipline through innovation, education and recognition.