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### Executive director appointed for Construction Command Center

Gov. George E. Pataki and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg appointed Charles Maikish as executive director of the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center.

The Command Center is charged with coordination and oversight of all of the construction projects in Lower Manhattan consistent with the rebuilding timeline while minimizing the impact of construction activity on Lower Manhattan's business and residential communities.

"The rebuilding of Lower Manhattan will require unprecedented levels of cooperation and coordination among our partners, and it is essential that we have a talented and experienced leader at the helm," Mayor Bloomberg said. "We are extraordinarily fortunate that Charles Maikish has agreed to serve in this position. The Command Center, under his leadership, will ensure that construction proceeds as rapidly and safely as possible while maintaining the quality of life for all of the residents and workers of Lower Manhattan."

Charles Maikish, as an attorney, an engineer, and a senior executive, brings over thirty years of experience in construction, real estate development, transportation development, and physical facilities maintenance and operations. He currently serves as executive vice president of Global Real Estate Business Services for J.P. Morgan Chase.

He also has prior experience as vice president of Facilities Management for Columbia University. Mr. Maikish served as director of the World Trade Department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey where he spearheaded the reconstruction of the World Trade Center Towers after the 1993 terrorist bombings and was responsible for the overall management of the World Trade Center and other Port Authority properties, including the operation, marketing, leasing, capital investment program, and budgeting.

"This project brings me back to a place where I spent most of my adult professional life, where I stood in the mud setting the foundation and steel for the World Trade Center and where I served as an engineer and as a lawyer," Charles Maikish said.

"I am proud to take on this challenge and to be back in Lower Manhattan."

Some of the areas of responsibility for the Command Center include establishing a master schedule of all Lower Manhattan construction projects, coordinating maintenance and protection of traffic, maintaining and improving access to residential and business areas, coordinating Utilities, environmental compliance, and safety, ensuring fraud prevention, through the creation of a fraud prevention hotline and coordination with each agency's Office of Inspector General, and coordinating contract requirements and protocols for compliance with environmental performance commitments, and the mitigation of construction impacts.