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The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) unveils a new exhibit – “This is Lower Manhattan. It’s happening now”

(01/22/07 New York, NY) – The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center today unveiled a new exhibit “This is Lower Manhattan. It’s happening now” to show residents, workers and visitors in Midtown what Lower Manhattan will be like in the near future. It features a live webcam of the World Trade Center site and 4 animated screens of the construction of the Freedom Tower and the WTC Memorial.

Through 2010, Lower Manhattan will see an unprecedented amount of construction that will ensure its place as the premier, 21st-century central business district and a 24-hour, live-work community.

The World Trade Center Memorial, Freedom Tower, and Fulton Street Transit Center are just a few of the 50-plus private and public projects now underway from Tribeca to Chinatown to Battery Park City. In total, \$10 billion worth of construction is already in full swing or soon to begin, with an estimated \$22 billion to be invested over the next five years.

Charles Maikish, Executive Director of the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center said, “Lower Manhattan is in the midst of an exciting period of transformation and revitalization and is experiencing one of the biggest construction booms in our city’s history. The visualization of the plan is already taking shape and the redevelopment is providing the great people of this City and State a world class place to work, live, and play”.

Avi Schick, Downstate Chief Operating Officer and President of the Empire State Development Corporation said, “The rebuilding of the WTC site and the construction of 59 commercial, transportation and residential projects are making Lower Manhattan an extraordinary place to live and do business. This transformation of Lower Manhattan into a vibrant and attractive commercial and residential community is essential to the attraction and retention of businesses and talent downtown.”

“With such a vast amount of construction in such a concentrated area, it’s imperative that we provide residents, businesses and workers information on what’s happening and why,” said Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding, Daniel Doctoroff. “By providing the public a glimpse of the future, not only are we doing that, we’re reminding people of just how incredible the future of Lower Manhattan is going to be.”

“The City, State and federal government have been extremely committed to the recovery of Lower Manhattan, and the results of their efforts, overseen by the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center, are becoming more apparent with each passing day,” said Eric Deutsch, President of the Alliance for Downtown New York. “The Downtown Alliance is committed to working with all of the entities involved and helping ensure that the district remains the nation’s business headquarters as well as a great place to work, live and visit during this period of

rebuilding and beyond.”

Many public and private partners are working together to meet the ambitious rebuilding timeline, while minimizing the impact of construction on the community. It is this collaboration and determination that will see Lower Manhattan emerge as a better, stronger metropolis over the next several years.

Exhibit subjects include:

- Freedom Tower
- WTC Memorial and Memorial Museum
- Lower Manhattan Transportation Projects; including Route 9A (West Street), South Ferry Terminal, Fulton Street Transit Center and the WTC Transportation Hub.
- Life in Lower Manhattan—Residential, Commercial, Parks
- Environmental Monitoring
- Traffic Management Program
- The role of the LMCCCC

You can learn more by visiting our exhibit, hosted by The New York Public Library’s Science, Industry and Business Library, located at 188 Madison Avenue at 34th Street. The Exhibition will be open January 23 – September 15, 2007. Or by visiting our website at www.LowerManhattan.Info.

The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) was established by Governor George E. Pataki and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg via joint executive order on November 22, 2004, and extended by Governor Eliot Spitzer in January 2007. The LMCCC is charged with coordination and oversight of all Lower Manhattan construction projects south of Canal Street, river to river. The LMCCC is taking steps to minimize the impact of ongoing construction on residents, businesses, and workers in Lower Manhattan and brings together private developers, public agencies, utilities, businesses, and residents in one location.

In addition to its oversight and coordination responsibilities, the LMCCC provides a forum for expeditious and consistent decision-making on disputes among agencies. The Executive Director reports directly to the Governor and the Mayor

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