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## \*PRESS RELEASE\*

### TOP STATE AGENCIES, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, NEW YORK CITY, AND CITY OF YONKERS TO HOST THE XIII ANNUAL COMPETITIVE EDGE CONFERENCE TO HELP SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES GAIN ACCESS TO REAL CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

**Freedom Tower, Bryant Park, Jacob Javits, Atlantic Yards (Nets), Jet Blue, 116<sup>th</sup> Street Project**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006**

**September 5, 2006, New York, NY** - The Dormitory Authority joined in collaboration with more than 20 public and private agencies announce their sponsorship of the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Competitive Edge Conference, Tuesday, September 26, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Museum of Jewish Heritage located at 36 Battery Place, Battery Park City, in New York City.** The Competitive Edge Conference focuses on helping Small, Minority and Women-owned Businesses enhance their bottom line and increase their contracting opportunities in construction, professional services and commodities estimated at \$30 billion over the next five years. The Conference registration fee is \$50.00. To register on-line and for further information, visit [www.The-Competitive-Edge.Org](http://www.The-Competitive-Edge.Org).

Themed: "Contracts Here and Now" the Competitive Edge Conference is New York City's premier procurement conference in the tri-state area. Featuring the **Developers' Forum** registrants receive first hand information on short and long term Architectural and Engineering, Construction / pre-bid meetings; and commodities and services / procurement bids from executive members from various public and private Competitive Edge Conference partners. This material will only be prepared and submitted at the Competitive Edge Conference. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Market Place** features an exciting segment of continued presentations on **Real Opportunities** presented by the Dormitory Authority State of New York, NYC Department of Small Business Services, City of Yonkers, Columbia University, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NYC School Construction Authority, Port Authority of NY&NJ, Battery Park City Authority, as well as other key sponsors who will present invaluable information on major projects of real short and long term contract opportunities which include: **Freedom Tower, Bryant Park, Jacob Javits, Atlantic Yards (Nets), Jet Blue** and the **116<sup>th</sup> Street project**.

Conference Sponsors include: Bovis Lend Lease, City of Yonkers Office of Economic Development Corp, Columbia University, Crescent Consulting, Dormitory Authority State of New York, Empire State Development Corporation, Hudson River Park Trust, Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority, Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NYC Department of Education, NYC Department of Small Business Services, NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation, NYC Housing Authority, NYC School Construction Authority, NY Power Authority, NYS Department of Labor, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Gotham Construction, Millennium Partners, National Hispanic Business Group, Plaza Construction, Goldman Sachs & Co., Tishman Construction Corp, and General Contractors and private corporations that do business with these organizations.

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