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EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT NAMES NEW CAPITAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Empire State Development Co-Chairmen Daniel C. Gundersen and Patrick Foye today announced that Peter D. Wohl has accepted the position of ESD's Regional Director for the Capital Region. He is expected to start on April 17, 2008.

"With his extensive experience, Peter is highly qualified to enhance the economic well-being of the Capital Region," Chairman Gundersen said. "His impressive knowledge in business strategy and financial and performance improvement will, without a doubt, help to promote opportunities for economic development in the Capital Region."

"Having led efforts to strengthen local and regional economies, Peter brings significant economic development, management, policy, and client service experience to ESD," stated Chairman Foye. "Under his leadership we look forward to continued revitalization in the Capital Region."

As the regional director, Mr. Wohl will manage operations of ESD's Albany-based Capital Region office on a day-to-day basis in concert with long term strategic goals. He will also be responsible for engaging in problem solving, pro-active planning and management of staff and resources.

Currently, Wohl serves as Vice President of the Economic Development Corporation, Warren County, where he has lead organizational efforts to strengthen local and regional economies through the application of integrated economic, workforce and community development strategies and initiatives. Furthermore, Mr. Wohl is the President of the Warren County Local Development Corporation, a charitable corporation empowered to further projects and programs that enhance the economic well-being of the County and its residents.

He has previously held the positions of Executive Director of the Adirondack Regional Business Incubator, Inc., Glens Falls, NY; Senior Manager of Deloitte Consulting, Albany, NY; Senior Manager of Arthur Anderson LLP, San Francisco, CA; and Principal/Founder of Lone Star Consulting, Monrovia, Liberia.

Mr. Wohl serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Adirondack Regional Business Incubator; Executive Board Member of the Adirondack Business and School Partnership; Executive Board Member of the Business Incubator Association of New York State; and a board member of the Tech Valley Incubator Network.

Wohl earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Social Policy from Northwestern University and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley. He also served as a Public Affairs Fellow with the Coro Foundation in New York City.

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