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**STATEMENT**

Statement by HRTDC President, Peter Wohl as directed by HRTDC Board Chairman John C. Egan regarding the release of the Columbia Development team's proposal submitted under the Request for Proposals.

“The HRTDC Board is confident in the ongoing negotiations with the Columbia Development team. We believe we have made significant progress toward contract discussions since choosing the team in October. Together we have identified a few parcels that are currently under consideration and are working on refining a conceptual plan for the campus. We believe that disclosing the team's proposal plan prior to Board approval would no longer interfere with the continuing negotiation process and will be releasing the proposal submitted during the RFP process in 2008.”

To obtain a copy of the proposal, please email Antovk Pidedjian, Senior Counsel for Empire State Development's Legal Department at [apidedjian@empire.state.ny.us](mailto:apidedjian@empire.state.ny.us).

The Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Empire State Development, is dedicated to transforming Albany's W. A. Harriman State Office Campus into a regional growth engine for New York State's "Innovation Economy." The Harriman redevelopment project brings technology-based employment to the Capital District by serving as the catalyst for continued growth by partnering with the research and product development currently underway at the University at Albany and other educational institutions, particularly the University at Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering and the College of Computing and Information. For more information, visit HRTDC's Web site at [www.harrimancampus.com](http://www.harrimancampus.com).

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