



Moynihan Station Development Corporation

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**MOYNIHAN STATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RETAINS SKIDMORE,
OWINGS & MERRILL TO CONCLUDE PHASE 1 DESIGN WORK**

SOM will translate Phase 1 elements to formal Construction Documents suitable for bid

Moynihan Station Development Corporation (MSDC) today announced the signing of an amended contract with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM) by which SOM would conclude necessary design work for Moynihan Station's Phase 1 at the historic James A. Farley Post Office Building. SOM has worked on prior iterations of the Moynihan Station project and, in order to preserve the continuity of such design and engineering expertise, SOM and its subconsultants will provide the remaining architectural, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services for the design of Moynihan's Phase 1.

MSDC is ready to commence Phase 1, consisting of transportation-related improvements to the below-grade infrastructure under the Farley Building, including expansions of concourses, increases in vertical access points to and from platforms, and, for the first time, rail passenger entrances into the Farley Building directly from street level, all of which will increase capacity for rail services, enhance subway connections, reduce congestion and allow for easier access by persons with disabilities.

In addition to adapting its prior design work to the revised specifications for the project, SOM will perform wholly new design work necessitated by project modifications. Specifically, SOM will design a longer West End Concourse extension, additional 33rd Street connector improvements and, as noted above, new rail passenger entrances to the Farley Building directly from street level.

Several key turning points in the last few months have given the Moynihan Station project new momentum. Recent milestones include MSDC: securing \$83 million dollars in federal stimulus funds; entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Amtrak indicating Amtrak's intent to move its passenger operations to Farley's Moynihan Station; dividing the Project into phases for design, budget, construction and logistical considerations; and now, amending the contract with SOM to move ahead with design work. Taken together, these accomplishments signal a renewed

commitment to the Project and the desire to provide New York City with the world-class passenger rail facility it deserves and needs.

"With the signing of this amended contract, we move one step closer toward the long-awaited Moynihan Station. We are extremely pleased with the progress we continue to make and are set to continue work with SOM, a respected international firm with a long history in New York City. The continuation of this partnership begins the first phase of this project, which will finally kick off this year," said Governor David A. Paterson.

"With the final components of funding in place, design completion in the near future, and job creation on the horizon, the Moynihan Station Project is positively impacting the economic climate in New York now while constructing a State transportation hub that will bring New York into the future," Empire State Development Chairman & CEO designate Dennis M. Mullen.

"Today's signing of the amended contract signifies the state's commitment to Moynihan Station, as well as the design expertise of SOM," said Empire State Development Executive Director Peter W. Davidson. "We will prove to the federal government and to the public that their investment in Moynihan Station was a good one by getting this project underway this year."

"The goal of MSDC is to have this necessary design work performed in the most efficient and fiscally-responsible manner possible. We are confident that SOM is the firm best able to bring us to the construction bidding stage for Phase 1 of the Project and we look forward to begin working with them," said Moynihan Station Development Corporation President Robin Stout.

"This first phase of work will improve the train shed and all public access underground to make way for the public/private development work that will happen above. The historic Penn Station was a grand arrival and departure point for New York City and we are now laying the foundation for recapturing that sense of grandeur in the future," said SOM's Partner in charge of this project, Mark Regulinski.

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