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**EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES 2016 LAGUARDIA DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT MWBE OUTREACH EVENTS**

*Outreach Designed to Ensure State Reaches LaGuardia Project's 30 Percent MWBE
Contract Utilization Rate; Billions of Dollars in Contracting Opportunities
Available to MWBEs Statewide*

Empire State Development's President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky today announced at the Capital Region's MWBE EXPO that registration for minority and women-owned businesses (MWBEs) outreach events for the LaGuardia Redevelopment Project are now open for registration. The outreach events are designed to encourage MWBEs to take advantage of billions in state contracting opportunities for the LaGuardia Redevelopment Project.

"The LaGuardia Project will leverage the talented MWBEs we are lucky to have in New York State, and allow us to continue to create opportunities that ensure fairness in contracting across the state," **said ESD President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky**. "I encourage all MWBEs and stakeholders to attend one of the upcoming events."

Last week, the state hosted its seventh outreach event, held in New York City, to ensure that the MWBE community is fully informed about the opportunities presented by the LaGuardia Project. Previous outreach events were held in Buffalo and Albany, and a statewide webinar took place on January 19, 2016. Together, these events attracted more than 900 MWBEs and other stakeholders.

The next event that is open for registration will take place in New York City on Wednesday, March 30th, and will provide attendees with an overview of contracting opportunities related to the project as well as information on bonding and vendor pre-qualification requirements. To register for this event, please visit: <http://www.panynj.gov/business-opportunities/sd-events-news.html>

The State will continue to host MWBE outreach events for the LaGuardia Project at least once a month throughout 2016. Invitations for each event are automatically sent to certified MWBEs listed in both [Empire State Development](#) and [Port Authority's](#) online

MWBE directories, business associations, and other stakeholders. Anyone interested in learning more about contracting opportunities associated with the LaGuardia Project should register and attend an outreach event.

Managed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, LaGuardia Airport is undergoing an extensive, multi-year capital redevelopment resulting in billions of dollars in contracting opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses. Upon completion, the airport will be transformed into a single, structurally unified terminal with expanded transportation access, significantly increased taxiway space, and best-in-class passenger amenities.

About Empire State Development

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