



June 3, 2010

TO: All New York State rail related manufacturers, vendors, suppliers, related businesses and New Yorkers interested in advancing high speed rail

In partnership with Governor David A. Paterson and Senate President Malcolm A. Smith, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the New York State Summit on Rail Transportation to be held in Albany on June 14th from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The purpose of the summit is to bring together public and private agencies and individuals committed to revitalizing New York State's economy through High Speed Rail (HSR). We intend to put New York on the map as the premier location in the country for rail manufacturing, maintenance and service.

With the award of \$8 billion under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, another \$2.5 billion in Fiscal Year 2010 and anticipated future authorizations, the U.S. Department of Transportation is making the largest investment in transportation infrastructure since the Interstate Highway System.

New York is mounting an aggressive initiative to bring HSR to the Empire State and assist NY rail suppliers, manufacturers and related businesses obtain a significant share of the HSR money.

We've invited original equipment manufacturers, vendors, suppliers, consultants, engineering firms, contractors, municipal transit authorities, government agencies, legislative representatives, associations and economic development officials, to collectively identify the challenges and opportunities associated with expanding New York's rail industry.

Our enclosed summit program will focus on three key areas:

- Winning more high-speed intercity passenger rail funding;
- Learning how New York State agencies will help you compete for these funds; and
- Promoting the HSR movement in New York and the strategies to fund it.

Directions are enclosed. Kindly RSVP to NYSRailSummit@empire.state.ny.us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dennis M. Mullen in black ink.

Dennis M. Mullen
Chairman & CEO
Empire State Development

Handwritten signature of Stanley Gee in black ink.

Stanley Gee
Acting Commissioner
NYS Department of Transportation

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