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**GOVERNOR SPITZER ATTENDS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH LEADERS OF
LONG ISLAND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY AS PART OF STATEWIDE TOUR
FOLLOWING STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

Governor Eliot Spitzer and Empire State Development (ESD) Downstate Chairman Pat Foye attended a technology roundtable this morning hosted by the Long Island Association (LIA) at their headquarters in Melville. As part of his statewide tour following the State of the State address, Governor Spitzer attended the roundtable with the LIA to further discuss how to make New York State the best place to run a business. Attended by local business leaders, the roundtable was focused on the need to grow high tech industries and jobs, develop industry clusters and promote an innovation economy that will make New York a center for economic growth and opportunity.

"We must consider innovative strategies for spurring economic growth and opportunity," said Governor Spitzer. "By building a true innovation economy and developing strategic industries on Long Island we will make New York the best place in the world to live, work, raise a family and run a business. Organizations like the LIA that are dedicated to ensuring that Long Island becomes a leader in high tech growth have a vital role to play in this endeavor. I look forward to working with them to ensure that Long Island remains a hot bed for technological innovation."

Downstate ESD Chairman Foye said: "Long Island business and research leaders such as Computer Associates and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories have long shown their strength and leadership in high-tech industries and ESD is committed to helping them continue their success. We will continue to leverage public support to yield the greatest private investment in these strategic industries for future growth."

LIA President Matthew T. Crosson said: "Long Island has long been a source of technological innovation for the nation. To build on that heritage now we need the help of New York State. The technology leaders present today, and the others who work with the LIA's Technology Committee, look forward to working with Governor Spitzer and Chairman Foye on a plan for the region's technology development, as well as related issues such as affordable housing and downtown redevelopment."

In attendance were representatives from CA, Inc., Stony Brook University, Cold Harbor Spring Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Arrow Electronics, BAE Systems, National Grid USA and others.

The Long Island Association is the largest business organization in New York, and the leading organization in the Long Island region. Founded in 1926, the LIA's membership now comprises over 5,000 businesses, labor unions, colleges, universities, not-for-profits, government agencies, and civic groups, which employ two-thirds of Long Island's workforce. The LIA's mission is to lead the region's development, bringing together disparate factions within the community to forge regional solutions to Long Island's problems. The LIA also acts as an umbrella business organization, providing products and services designed to assist the growth of businesses large and small. The association is lead by a 60-person board of directors, which includes the chief executives of many of the Island's principal businesses, universities, and other organizations.

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency, encompassing business, workforce and community development. ESD also oversees the marketing of "I LOVE NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information, visit www.nylovesbiz.com.

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