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EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES THAT PRELIMINARY REVIEW PROCESS FOR BARCLAYS CENTER ARENA HAS BEEN COMPLETED

ESD staff has been working with FCRC & architects throughout the summer to ensure that design complies with guidelines set forth in MGPP

Empire State Development (ESD) today announced that the preliminary review process for the new Barclays Center arena design has been completed. ESD staff has been working closely with the developer throughout the evolution of the arena design to ensure that it adheres to the design guidelines laid out in the MGPP. The design collaboration by Ellerbe Becket and SHoP Architects will debut later this morning. ESD also announced today that the second public information session will be held on Monday, September 14.

ESD, in conjunction with FCRC and the Center for Architecture, will host a public information session focused on the new arena design at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Monday, September 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The images and model of the design will be available for public viewing at Brooklyn Borough Hall beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 14.

Details on Monday's public information session will be released later this week.

The plan for the Atlantic Yards project includes 16 buildings for residential, office, retail, community facilities, parking, and possibly hotel uses. These buildings provide approximately 5,325 to 6,430 housing units, 2,250 of which will be affordable. The Project also contains 8 acres of publicly accessible open space. The project spans over a 22-acre area, roughly bounded by Flatbush and 4th Avenues on the west, Vanderbilt Avenue on the east, Atlantic Avenue on the north, and Dean and Pacific Streets on the south. The Project is expected to create thousands of construction and permanent jobs.

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