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ACCA ADOPTS FINAL GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND ADOPTS FACILITIES PLAN

The Albany Convention Center Authority (ACCA) at its regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting on 5-30-08 unanimously adopted the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the convention center and hotel project. In a separate action the ACCA unanimously adopted the information of the preliminary study of the authority in accordance with the enabling legislation and will now submit the completed Facilities Plan to government for its review.

The FGEIS and the Facilities Plan are the culmination of many months work by the master planning team led by Clough Harbour Associates and includes responses to the comments from the public, interested stakeholders, and involved agencies by the planning and development consultants. From the approval of the FGEIS will come the Findings Statement which will be presented to the Board for its acceptance at the June meeting in satisfaction of the requirements under the State Environmental Review Act for this project. The Facilities Plan, in accordance with the legislation, will now be submitted to Governor Patterson, Senator Joseph L. Bruno, Speaker Sheldon Silver, Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, Albany County Executive Michael G. Breslin, and Albany Mayor Gerald D. Jennings.

The information contained in both the FGEIS and the Facilities Plan will become available on the website www.accany.com beginning this coming week and copies of the FGEIS will also be available for review at Albany Public Libraries, City Hall, Albany County Clerks office, the Albany Housing Authority, the Downtown Business Improvement District offices, and the offices of the Albany Convention Center Authority.

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