

GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT SCOPE

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation ("LMDC"), a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation (a political subdivision and public benefit corporation of the State of New York), as lead agency, intends to prepare a generic environmental impact statement ("GEIS") for the proposed World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan ("Proposed Action") in cooperation with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The Proposed Action contemplates the construction of a World Trade Center memorial and memorial-related improvements, as well as commercial, retail, museum and cultural facilities, new open space areas, new street configurations, and certain infrastructure improvements at the World Trade Center Site, a 16 acre area in Lower Manhattan. The World Trade Center Site is bounded generally by Church Street on the east, Liberty Street on the south, West Street on the west, and Vesey Street on the north.

Alternatives that will be looked at in the GEIS will include a no-build alternative and a reasonable range of other alternatives, such as design alternatives or, if feasible, a "no impact" or "reduced impact" alternative that might accomplish LMDC's goals for the Proposed Action, as well as any additional alternatives generated by the scoping process.

Public comment meetings on the Draft Scope of the GEIS will be held on July 23, 2003 to solicit public comments from interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state, regional, and local agencies.

Information regarding the Proposed Action, and a copy of the Draft Scope, is available on LMDC's website: <u>www.RenewNYC.com</u> in 'Planning, Design & Development," or by contacting Avalon Simon, Legal Assistant, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, One Liberty Plaza, New York, NY 10006; Telephone: (212) 962-2300; Fax: (212) 962-2431; E-mail: wtcenvironmental@renewnyc.com.

Scoping Meeting Date and Location

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Afternoon Session: 2 PM to 5 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Evening Session: 6 PM to 9 PM EDT

Tribeca Performing Arts Center at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, 199 Chambers Street (between Greenwich and West Streets)

Directions: The Tribeca Performing Arts Center is accessible by public transportation to Chambers Street, including the subway via 1/9, 2/3 to Chambers Street; A/C to Chambers Street; N/R to City Hall; 4/5/6 to Brooklyn Bridge.

The public meeting site is accessible to the mobility-impaired. Interpreter services will be available for the hearing-impaired upon advance request.

Following the public comment meetings on the Draft Scope, the public comment period on the Draft Scope will remain open for written comments, which must be received by LMDC by 5 PM EDT on August 4, 2003. Comments should be sent to:

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation Attention: Comments WTC Memorial and Redevelopment Plan/DGEIS One Liberty Plaza New York, NY 10006

Comments on the Draft Scope may also be submitted until 5 PM EDT on August 4, 2003, on LMDC's website, <u>www.RenewNYC.com</u>, in "Planning, Design & Development" (visit <u>http://www.renewnyc.com/plan_des_dev/frm_comments.asp</u>, then choose the category "Environmental/Plan Review").

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