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### **Fiscal 2007 Preliminary Budget Hearing**

Commissioner Patricia Lancaster testified on the Fiscal Year 2007 Preliminary Budget before the City Council Housing and Buildings Committee. For more information, view a copy of the [testimony](#).

### **Borough Office Spotlight**

In 2002, [Marshall Kaminer, PE](#) was appointed as the Borough Commissioner for the Bronx. Mr. Kaminer has a strong background and experience in design engineering, construction and management. He will continue to oversee the operations in the Bronx Borough Office. In January 2006, [Werner deFoe, AIA](#), previously the Acting Borough Commissioner and Deputy Borough Commissioner for Staten Island, was appointed as the Deputy Borough Commissioner for the Bronx.

For more information on the other borough changes throughout the Department, click on [Borough Office Management Team](#) under "[About the Buildings Department](#)."

### **Plan Examination Notification System: Service Enhancements**

Effective April 3, 2006, the [Plan Examination Notification System \(PENS\)](#) (26 kb-pdf) will allow applicants and their filing representatives to select a specific date and time or choose from the next three available appointments offered. To make an appointment, call 311.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities



*GNYSC Presents:*

### **Free Required Safety and Health Training**

**March 8, 2006 to June 23, 2006**

**Various Times and Three Convenient Training Locations**

The Greater New York Safety Council (GNYSC), under a grant from the New York State Occupational Safety & Health Training and Education Program, is offering this free training series. GNYSC is a non-profit organization dedicated to workplace safety. These courses have been designed for both labor and management personnel. All courses are free; **advance registration is required** and classes will be limited to 40 attendees. For more information review [GNYSC Flyer](#) (49 kb-pdf).

*Buildings University Presents the:*

### **21st Professional Technical Forum**

**March 30, 2006**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)  
2 Washington Street, Lower Manhattan - 19th Floor/Room 1980**

This annual forum, sponsored by the New York Society of Architects (NYSA), will be conducted by executive personnel from the Department of Buildings. It will provide insight into understanding and interpreting recent changes to the Building Code and Zoning Resolution. **Reservations are required**, so review the [NYSA flyer](#) (25 kb-pdf) for more information.

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