

Foreword

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Kingsbridge Armory National Ice Center (the proposed project). The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed project was accepted as complete by the New York City Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (ODMED) and a Notice of Completion for the DEIS was issued on July 17, 2013. A public hearing was held on the DEIS in conjunction with the City Planning Commission's public hearing pursuant to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) on October 9, 2013, at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY, to accept oral and written comments on the DEIS. The comment period was open for receiving written comments until 5:00 PM on Monday, October 21, 2013.

This FEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DEIS during the public hearing and subsequent comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 19, "Responses to Comments Received on the DEIS." Written comments on the DEIS are included in the FEIS as Appendix B. Changes to the text and graphics from the DEIS were made in this FEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments.

Substantive changes between the DEIS and FEIS include:

- Revisions to Chapter 3, "Historic and Cultural Resources," to reflect the approval of a binding report for the proposed project at the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission hearing on September 24, 2013;
- Revisions to Chapter 8, "Transportation," and Chapter 14, "Mitigation," to reflect further consultation with the New York City Department of Transportation regarding the proposed mitigation measures. Revisions to Chapter 8 also reflect the commitment in the DEIS to analyze three additional study area intersections and any necessary mitigation measures;
- Revisions to Chapter 11, "Noise," to reflect the results of the noise level measurements conducted inside the Armory building along the south façade, a commitment specified in the DEIS; and
- Chapter 19, "Responses to Comments Received on the DEIS," which is entirely new to the document.

All text changes since publication of the DEIS are marked by double-underlining and strikeouts in this FEIS, except in tables where only double-underlines are used for clarity. No double-underlining is used for the Foreword or Chapter 19, which are entirely new. *