

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 74

October 27, 2005

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
OF CAPITAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City has initiated strategic re-zonings to support economic development, residential housing production, the creation of public spaces and parks, access to the City's waterfront, and other improvements and amenities, in areas of the City that would benefit from redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated other programs and plans for improving the quality of life in the City, maintaining and revitalizing the City's economic base, and protecting and enhancing the City's competitive position; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to develop new and innovative initiatives to ensure the efficient use of the City's resources, encourage and accommodate growth, retain and attract industry, and preserve the City's unique character; and

WHEREAS, achieving the objectives of such re-zonings, programs, plans and other initiatives depends on their implementation through further actions, which include construction, building and other actions by private developers, City agencies and agencies of other levels of government; and

WHEREAS, effective and expeditious implementation of the City's initiatives are likely to involve large-scale, complex projects, that will require expertise in multiple areas, including design and planning, construction, finance, and law; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the City's initiatives will require the establishment of the priorities on which City agencies will focus, the clarification of project management responsibilities, and the coordination of personnel and other resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Office of the Director of Capital Project Development Established. There is established in the Office of the Mayor the Office of the Director of Capital Project Development (“the Office”), which shall be managed by the Director of Capital Project Development (“the Director”). The Director shall be appointed by and report to the Deputy Mayor to the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding (“the Deputy Mayor”). The Director shall have the authority and shall carry out the responsibilities set forth in this Executive Order with respect to construction projects and other projects that foster economic development, the production of residential housing, the creation of public spaces and parks, access to the City’s waterfront, or other improvements and amenities that will benefit the City in those instances where the Deputy Mayor designates such project (“designated projects”) for supervision, oversight, facilitation and/or support by the Office.

§2. Scope of Resources to be Provided. The scope of support to be provided by the Office of the Director of Capital Project Development may include design and planning, construction, and, in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and the Law Department, respectively, budgeting and legal assistance. The Director shall draw upon the expertise of such agencies as the Departments of Design and Construction, Parks and Recreation, and City Planning, as well as the Law Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Office of Management and Budget, the Mayor’s Office of Contract Services, the Mayor’s Office of Environmental Coordination, the Mayor’s Office of Operations, the Department of Transportation and the Economic Development Corporation as appropriate and useful to the objective of ensuring timely and efficient completion of designated projects.

§3. Oversight and Coordination of Designated Projects. The Director shall oversee, facilitate and support designated projects for the purpose of ensuring their expeditious and cost-effective completion. For designated projects that involve actions by the City and by private developers and/or agencies of other levels of government, the Director shall oversee and/or coordinate those City agencies that are responsible for construction, regulation, approval or other actions to ensure the progress of all aspects of the project and the fulfillment of the City’s role in the completion of the project. The Director shall identify to City agencies the priority assigned to designated projects and shall ensure that the project management responsibilities of City agencies are appropriately assigned and sufficiently supported. The Director is authorized to direct the City agency or agencies involved to take appropriate action to avoid delay and expedite completion of designated projects, including, but not limited to, such actions as expediting permitting processes, providing technical assistance, and providing management expertise and guidance.

§4. Addressing Delay or Potential Delay. The Director shall identify all such designated projects that have experienced, or may experience, delay and report to the Deputy Mayor on the causes or potential causes thereof.

§5. City Agencies Shall Assist Director. All departments and units of City government are directed to cooperate with the Director and to provide such assistance as may be required in fulfilling its obligations. Such assistance may include the assignment of staff and the provision of support services.

§6. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor