

## NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

### Notice of Opportunity to Participate in a Pilot Program To Test Video Recording Devices in Medallion Taxicabs

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) invites interested parties to submit a request to participate in a pilot program to test video recording devices in medallion taxicabs.

The purpose of the pilot program is to explore the possibility that the installation of such video recording devices may deter unsafe driving behavior, and thereby decrease the incidence of taxicab accidents; may document accident occurrences and facilitate a more accurate determination of accident liability, whether against or in favor of the driver and/or medallion owner; may facilitated improved driver training; and may lead to decreased taxicab insurance rates. It is anticipated that participation in the pilot program may take up to thirteen months; after six months a formal evaluation will be conducted by the Chairperson. Participation in a TLC pilot program in no way guarantees Commission approval for the proposer’s equipment for use on a wider scale, or after conclusion of the pilot program.

On December 18, 2008, the Commission voted to approve this particular pilot program without limit to the number of participants. The Commission’s resolution outlining the terms of the pilot are available on the TLC’s website, [http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/news/public\\_main.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/news/public_main.shtml). Each participant will test its equipment using a minimum of three licensed medallion taxicabs and a maximum of twenty medallion taxicabs. The Commission approved MacBox as a participant. In order for your proposal to be considered for participation in this pilot program, you must include the following in your proposal:

- (a) A detailed description of the modifications made to the vehicle, including, as appropriate, diagrams, blueprints or images;
- (b) Information regarding the use of the proposed equipment in other jurisdictions;
- (c) Estimates of any cost and revenue impact of the proposed innovation on affected licensee groups such as drivers and vehicle owners, on the Commission and the City, and on the public;
- (d) Specification of each respect in which the proposed equipment would depart from otherwise applicable requirements;
- (e) Documentation of all relevant Federal, State and local safety compliance;
- (f) Description of any effect the pilot program would have on the safety of operations involved in the pilot program; and
- (g) Criteria by which the value of the innovation can be measured after implementation of the pilot program, such as owner, driver and customer satisfaction; technological ease and adaptability; accrued benefits; and number of uses of the equipment.

Participation proposals will be reviewed in accordance with the standards of review and approval stated in TLC Rule 14-04 (see [http://nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/rules\\_pilot\\_program\\_approved.pdf](http://nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/rules_pilot_program_approved.pdf)).

Pilot program proposals, suggestions or ideas should be submitted by February 9, 2009 to:

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