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## Important Notice: SIGN-UP DEADLINE FOR ALL OWNERS OF MEDALLION TAXICABS TO PROCURE TAXICAB TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS SERVICE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE DATE FOR INSTALLATION OF TAXICAB TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS SERVICES

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) announces, as approved by the TLC Board or Commissioners, that AUGUST 1, 2007, is the SIGN-UP DEADLINE by which OWNERS of all MEDALLION TAXICABS must enter into CONTRACTS with Authorized Contractors (contractors approved by the TLC to solicit OWNERS/AGENTS to sell, rent, lease or permit use of technology enhancement systems and services and to install technology enhancement systems in New York City Taxicabs) under the Taxicab Technology Program. Check the TLC website (see address below) for information about the Authorized Contractor(s).

The TLC also announces that the COMPLIANCE DATE by which the installation of taxicab technology service enhancements must be completed in all MEDALLION TAXICABS is the FIRST SCHEDULED INSPECTION DATE for each such medallion taxicab ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2007.

For taxicabs that are to be retired within six months of the Compliance Date, technology enhancement systems need not be installed in such taxicabs. Authorized vendors who sign up more than 3,000 taxicabs may, in writing, request from the TLC an extension of time to install technology systems in such taxicabs until the first inspection date on or after February 1, 2008, which the TLC, in its sole discretion, may grant.

The technology enhancements were approved in conjunction with a substantial fare increase granted in March of 2004, and offer increased



services to the riding public and the industry, including credit/debit card capabilities, a passenger information monitor (PIM) with an interactive map, varied entertainment and information options, and a front seat driver information monitor (DIM) with lost and found, business opportunity and emergency communications capabilities. The new equipment will also automate the collection of data that previously was entered manually by taxicab drivers on clipboards – an "electronic trip sheet."

Please watch the TLC website (<u>www.nyc.gov/taxi</u>), or sign up for automatic e-mail updates (see upper left hand side of home page) for news and information about the technology enhancement systems. For specific information concerning questions about the service enhancements technology, you are encouraged to visit:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/taxicab\_serv\_enh.shtml