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GOVERNOR DAVID A. PATERSON ANNOUNCES NOMINATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION

Governor David A. Paterson today announced the nomination of Matthew Driscoll to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). This appointment is contingent upon approval by the EFC board of directors.

“Matthew Driscoll’s leadership over the last eight and a half years in environmental, energy and sustainability initiatives has prepared him well for his new role as President and CEO of the Environmental Facilities Corporation,” Governor Paterson said. “With his knowledge of the State’s local municipal regulations, budget constraints and aging infrastructure, and his creative problem-solving, Matthew will provide EFC with results-oriented leadership.”

“I’d also like to thank Matthew Millea for his service as Acting President and CEO of the Environmental Facilities Corporation,” the Governor continued. “Under his leadership, EFC has administered grants made with \$432 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding, which was awarded to the State in April as the largest grant provided in federal Environmental Protection Agency history.”

Mr. Driscoll most recently served a second term as Mayor of the City of Syracuse, a position to which he was elected in 2001. He represented the Third District on the Syracuse Common Council in 1995, and as President of that body from 1998 until his election as the city’s 52nd mayor in 2001. Mr. Driscoll began his career in public service in Syracuse in 1987 when he was elected to represent the Second District on the Common Council.

During his time as mayor, Mr. Driscoll reformed city government and improved accountability through the use of the performance-based program SyraStat, which saved the City of Syracuse over \$50 million dollars in the last eight years. He also diversified revenue flows, allowing Syracuse to maintain city services while freezing property taxes

despite the economic downturn.

Mayor Driscoll's plan for energy conservation and environmental protection has made Syracuse a leader among cities in New York State. As mayor, he oversaw the \$40 million dollar reconstruction of the Westcott Reservoir, the city's largest capital investment in water infrastructure since 1930. Upon completion, the project will result in the third largest covered concrete reservoir tanks in the world and will include a solar panel system which will provide nearly all the facility's power. In April, Syracuse became one of the initial municipalities in the State to take the "Climate Smart Communities Pledge" to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen its carbon footprint in an effort to combat global climate change. In 2008, Syracuse was named the nation's 17th Greenest City by Popular Science Magazine. In recognition of the region's leadership in the green building industry, Mayor Driscoll created the logo "Syracuse – The Emerald City."

As President and CEO of the Environmental Facilities Corporation, Mr. Driscoll's salary will be \$155,000. Contingent upon approval by the EFC Board of Directors, Mr. Driscoll will begin serving on January 1, 2010.

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