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Governor Cuomo Announces Next Major Step in Building the New York Energy Highway

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Request for Information Released; Conference of Interested Parties to Follow on April 19

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that his New York Energy Highway Task Force has issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking ideas for potential projects from private developers, investor-owned utilities, the financial community, and others with the goal of bolstering New York State's aging energy infrastructure while promoting clean energy supplies, jobs, and economic growth. This marks a key milestone in Governor Cuomo's plans, announced at the 2012 State of the State, to construct a 21st century energy highway in New York State.

The RFI is available on the Energy Highway website: www.nyenergyhighway.com. Responses to the request are due on May 30.

A conference for respondents and other interested parties will be held on Thursday, April 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tarrytown. Advance registration is required as space is limited. Those planning to attend should e-mail info@nyenergyhighway.com.

"Building a new energy highway for New York State will not only create thousands of jobs, but lay a new foundation for future economic growth," Governor Cuomo said. "If we want to truly make New York State open for the businesses of tomorrow, we cannot rely on the power supply of yesterday. We have transformed state government to make it a partner for private sector job growth and the energy highway is a prime example of how state government is now partnering with the private sector to create jobs and generate economic growth."

The RFI seeks detailed information on various aspects of potential electric generation and transmission projects, including such areas as financing, construction, operation, and economic and environmental benefits. Respondents are also invited to identify potential challenges to project development that could be addressed with state assistance. Written questions will be accepted and answered on the website through May 11, with the names of the questioners deleted.

The Governor's Task Force will issue an Energy Highway Action Plan this summer, following its review of the RFI responses. The action plan, with the Task Force's recommendations, will be available to the public on the Energy Highway website.

On April 4, the Task Force, comprising the heads of the state's principal energy, environmental, and economic development agencies, set the stage for the initiative by holding an Energy Highway Summit at Columbia University. More than 500 attendees heard from national and state leaders in the electric power industry and in the financial, regulatory, and academic communities.

In his 2012 State of the State Address, Governor Cuomo outlined his vision for the Energy Highway, including projects that would enable delivery of economical surplus power from upstate sources and new renewable power generation to the downstate region, where the need is greatest.

The Governor appointed the Task Force to implement the Energy Highway initiative, naming as Co-Chairs Gil C. Quiniones, President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York Power Authority, and Joseph Martens, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The other Task Force members are Kenneth Adams, President, Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner of Empire State Development; Garry A. Brown, Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission; and Francis J. Murray, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.