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Capital Complex to Host 2018 NY GovBuy Event

Two venues to share expanded event drawing 2,500 attendees and exhibitors

ALBANY, N.Y. – The [Albany Capital Center](#) (ACC) and the [Empire State Plaza Convention Center](#) will host the 2018 NY GovBuy, a statewide government buyers event on Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3, 2018.

In anticipation of drawing more than 2,500 attendees and exhibitors, the NYS Office of General Services (OGS) has expanded the educational forum and tradeshow to utilize portions of the Capital Complex, making use of space in both the ACC and Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Consisting of more than 159,000-square-feet of flexible meeting and event space, the Capital Complex is the largest meeting space in Upstate New York. NY GovBuy attendees will be able to access both event spaces conveniently via a covered walkway only a short city block apart.

“This year, OGS, Office of the New York State Comptroller, SUNY, and the State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials are working together on NY GovBuy, which resulted in more exhibitors and more attendees,” OGS Commissioner RoAnn Destito said. “Being able to use both the Empire State Plaza Convention Center and the Capital Center allowed us the flexibility to deliver a comprehensive educational forum for purchasing agents and state contract holders.”

“This is the perfect example of how the Capital Complex can allow for events to expand the scope of their program,” said Doug McClaine, general manager, Albany Capital Center. “Given the popularity of NY GovBuy, it’s seamless for the Albany Capital Center to partner with the Empire State Plaza Convention Center to meet the demands of increased attendance.”

The event gives exhibitors a platform to highlight their goods and services to government buyers. Exhibitors include statewide contract holders, preferred sources providers, state agencies and other vendors who serve government buyers as sources for their contract needs. The event allows professional buyers from across New York to view products first hand, discuss their needs, and learn about new technologies and potential solutions from exhibitors.

In addition, NY GovBuy offers government buyers the opportunity to network with other procurement professionals and attend free training classes that help them stay informed about procurement issues and trends, and more effectively meet fiscal challenges.

About the Capital Complex:

The Capital Complex in Albany is the largest meeting space in upstate New York. Connected by an enclosed walkway, the Complex is comprised of the Empire State Plaza Convention Center, a 50,000 square-foot facility that includes a convention hall, seven meeting rooms and pre-function space operated by the New York State Office of General Services; The Egg, which includes two theaters that seat a total of 1,400 people along with 10,000 square-feet of event space; and two locations operated by SMG including the new Albany Capital Center, a 50,000 square-foot space with 6 meeting rooms and pre-function space; and the Times Union Center, Upstate New York's Premiere Sports & Entertainment Facility with 17,500 seats and with 50,000 square-feet of exhibit and pre-function space. For more information about the Capital Complex visit

www.albanycapitalcenter.com/what_is_the_capital_complex.

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