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**Downtown Alliance Hails Renewed Focus on WTC**

Statement of Elizabeth Berger,  
President of the Alliance for Downtown New York:

“We believe that the renewed focus on the World Trade Center prompted by Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Mayor Michael Bloomberg is an extraordinarily positive step. The redevelopment of the World Trade Center is critical to Lower Manhattan and all of New York City and we fully support these efforts to address the challenges facing this project and keep it moving forward.”

*The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID). The Alliance serves an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street, for which it provides supplemental sanitation and security, economic development, streetscape and transportation improvements, marketing and enhanced tourist services. Alliance for Downtown New York, Inc., 120 Broadway, Suite 3340, New York, NY 10271; Phone: 212-566-6700.*

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