Please join New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald at an all-day Workshop to discuss job opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) on the upcoming Kosciuszko Bridge construction project. The event will be held at Baruch College in Manhattan on Thursday, August 15, 2013, with registration opening at 8:30 a.m.

Construction of a new Kosciuszko Bridge is a top priority of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s New York Works Program. The existing bridge, a 1.1 mile section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway between Morgan Avenue in Brooklyn and the Long Island Expressway in Queens, will be replaced on an accelerated Design-Build schedule.

The August 15th Workshop is a major step to ensure that DBEs will have every opportunity to participate in Kosciuszko Bridge construction. A preliminary list of disciplines/services that may be required of DBEs is attached. The event will include:

- networking sessions for DBEs to present and discuss their credentials with the Design-Build teams that have been short-listed for the project
• a supportive services presentation and workshop to provide information on financing, bonding, insurance, legal issues, bid preparation and other essential aspects of obtaining and retaining work on the contract, and

• a DBE certification workshop to assist M/WBEs obtain the DBE certification needed to meet the goals of federally funded transportation projects such as Kosciuszko Bridge construction.

**RSVPs are required for security purposes.** Please contact Helen Neuhaus at 212-532-4175 or helen@hna1977.com by Friday, August 9\(^{th}\), if you are planning to attend.