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BLRA Extends Invitation to Bid on the Extension of Berth N-1

Berth designated to Royal Caribbean for use as a docking station for cruise ships

Bayonne, NJ, January 26, 2006 —The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) is currently accepting bids for the extension of Berth N-1 located at the northeast corner of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor. This berth has been designated to Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines for long-term use as a docking station for cruise ships.

The BLRA and Royal Caribbean recently signed a 35-year deal to develop and operate a cruise ship terminal called “Cape Liberty” from The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor.

A pre-bid meeting was held Tuesday, January 24th to familiarize prospective bidders with the site. Eleven contractors were represented at this pre-bid conference. The BLRA will host a public bid opening and reading to be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 10:30 am at the Bayonne City Council Chamber located at 630 Avenue C in Bayonne.

BLRA Executive Director Nancy Kist said Royal Caribbean’s success the past two cruise seasons has been key to the long-term planning efforts at The Peninsula. “There is a good working relationship between Royal Caribbean Cruise and the BLRA,” she said. “They have established a #2 ranking in passenger volume among Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Ports in only two seasons and the extension of this berth will aid them in continued success.”

The funding of the extension of berth N-1 includes a \$4.7 million grant administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. This grant money was obtained due to the efforts of then Congressman,

now U.S. Senator Robert Menendez who secured this funding through the Department of Defense appropriations bill.

“We are excited to move forward with the renewal of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor,” said Mayor Joseph V. Doria Jr. “The operation of additional berths will make the property economically viable and will continue to produce additional jobs for the citizens and revenue for the City of Bayonne.”

The extension of this project will consist of the construction of new concrete platforms, steel pipe piles, steel bulkhead, steel bollards and incidental site work. This will allow the BLRA to extend Berth N-1 several hundred feet to the east. This extension project was originally conceived by the Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the U.S. Army for military use prior to the Military Ocean Terminal being placed on the base closure list in 1995. Due to funding constraints at the time, the Army did not undertake this project.

For more information about The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority, please visit www.bayonnenj.org/blra.