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## **EMPIRE STATE PLAZA CONVENTION CENTER GOES WIRELESS** *High-speed internet system upgrades options for events*

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner, John C. Egan, today announced that the installation of a wireless internet system in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center has been completed and is fully operational. The new system provides an inexpensive and efficient way to deliver high-speed Internet services to clients using Wi-Fi technology. The work was conducted by MAC Source Communications, a Syracuse based communications firm with additional offices in Albany, Rochester, Buffalo, Ohio and Illinois.

“It is important that people using the Convention Center have access to the state-of-the-art tools that allow them to conduct business most effectively,” Commissioner Egan said. “The high-speed internet connectivity that this system provides will give laptop computers and other internet devices our clients use in the Convention Center the latest technology to support them.”

Wireless connections are now available in the convention hall, all seven meeting rooms and the exhibition spaces at the base of the Egg and Northeast gallery. The newly installed system ensures that clients will have the highest speed access currently available if their equipment supports it. The cost of the system and installation will be paid for by rental fees at the Convention Center and are anticipated to be recouped in 36 months.

“Installing this type of system inside the Empire State Plaza Convention Center is going to make a big difference for people giving presentations and for those who are watching them, by providing faster Internet connections and access to their email and computer files,” Tom Donahue, sales director, MAC Source said. “The wireless option brings the facilities to a new level technologically.”

The Empire State Plaza Convention Center is a unique, multi-purpose venue available for conferences, meetings, dinner receptions, graduations, proms, trade and consumer shows, and entertainment events.

For more information about the wireless internet system or booking events at the Empire State Plaza, call 518-474-0538 or visit [www.empirestateplaza.org](http://www.empirestateplaza.org).

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