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Statement of NYC Environmental Protection Commissioner Cas Holloway On DEP Being Honored With the Project of the Year Award By Professional Women in Construction

"It's an honor for DEP to be recognized by Professional Women in Construction with their 2011 Project of the Year Award for the \$1.6 billion Ultraviolet Disinfection Facility that we're building to handle about two billion gallons of drinking water daily from our Catskill and Delaware watersheds. Once operational, this will be the largest UV facility in the world, and will help us continue to be one of only five large cities in the country to maintain a largely unfiltered water supply. The construction of the UV facility is running on budget and significantly ahead of schedule — and the women-owned businesses working on the job have been critical to that success. In 2010, DEP had contracts worth more than \$110 million with more than 170 women-owned firms; and at the UV plant, we have contracts for \$60 million of work with 40 women-owned and 37 minority-owned businesses. The success of the UV project shows how important diversity is to getting the best work for the best price, and Mayor Bloomberg has made it a priority to ensure that contracting opportunities are available to the widest possible range of firms. That's good for the member firms of Professional Women in Construction — a fantastic partner in DEP's outreach efforts — and good for New Yorkers who pay the water bills too. We look forward to working with PWC and other partners to build on our success as DEP continues to make the infrastructure investments the City needs to grow and thrive."

"We are delighted to honor the DEP for a project that is already bringing much acclaim to the region, the soon-to-be largest UV disinfection plant in the world. Furthermore, the DEP has made clear its commitment to hiring MWBEs and we applaud their efforts in this direction," said Lenore Janis, President, PWC National.

PWC is a national, nonprofit association committed to educating and assisting women business owners, executives and professionals and advancing their career opportunities in construction and allied industries. Founded in 1980 by a dozen women, today PWC has over a thousand members

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(women and men) and reaches a constituency of over 15,000. PWC was incorporated in 1983 in New York State as a 501(c)3 organization. Chapters include New York, New Jersey, Washington, DC (Virginia and Maryland), Connecticut (covering New England), Northeast Pennsylvania and South Florida (Palm Beach through Miami). An active resource, PWC has done much to mainstream women into the business sector and to educate the public on the achievements of women in the industry. The Professional Women in Construction Annual Award Ceremony takes place today at the Yale Club in New York City. For information, log on to www.pwcusa.org/ny.

DEP manages the city's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City. New York City's water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, and comprises 19 reservoirs, and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,400 miles of sewer lines take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nycwater.

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