



As "your eyes and ears in Albany," NGC is delivering this first issue of our Monthly Bulletin. In the first days of each month, you will have news, a calendar of events and receptions, and information most relevant to your success, delivered via e-mail. Questions are welcome.

## Newsworthy

**1/5/09: NYS CIO/OFT**, in collaboration with the Empire State Development Corporation's Division of Minority and Women Owned Business Development, hosted a discussion with major NYS IT vendors and NYS agency CIOs to share successes and strategies to meet **MWBE goals** for the technology sector. Several NGC clients were among those honored.

**1/22/09:** Gov. Paterson announced the appointment of **Lawrence S. Schwartz** to serve as First Deputy Secretary to the Governor. Mr. Schwartz will report directly to Governor Paterson and Secretary to the Governor, William J. Cunningham. He will begin on 2/2/09.

**1/23/09** Gov. Paterson announced the appointment of Congresswoman **Kirsten Gillibrand** to represent New York in the United States Senate. NGC has a deep and significant professional relationship with Senator Gillibrand.

**1/26/09:** Gov. Paterson announced that the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Board of Directors has elected **Francis J. Murray** to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer.

**1/27/09:** The commissioner of NY's Division of Criminal Justice Services will also take responsibility for homeland security issues. **Denise O'Donnell** will replace Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Michael Balboni, whose resignation becomes effective 2/2/09. O'Donnell will remain NY criminal justice commissioner.

**1/28/09:** The \$819 billion **Federal Stimulus Plan** presented this month by House Democrats to the Obama transition team called for \$37 billion in spending in **three high-tech** areas: \$20 billion to computerize medical records, \$11 billion to create smarter electrical grids and \$6 billion to expand high-speed Internet access in rural and underserved communities.

## Events & Receptions

NGC is making you aware of the following:

### Monday, Feb. 9, 2009

5:30 Reception honoring Sen. David Valesky  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, State & Lodge, \$750.

5:30 Reception honoring Sen. Joe Errigo, The State Room, \$250.

6:00 Reception honoring Sen. John Bonacic,  
Ft. Orange Club, Washington Ave., \$350.

6:00 Reception honoring Sen. Bill Stachowski  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, State & Lodge, \$600.

### Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009

8:00 am NYS Black, Puerto Rican & Asian  
Caucus, 38th Annual Legislative Conference  
Empire State Plaza, \$175.

### Monday, Feb. 23, 2009

5:30 Assembly Rep. Campaign Committee  
Winterfest 2009, The State Room, \$500.

## NYS Legislative Calendar

Highlighted areas indicates session day

### FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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