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MCCA WELCOMES LONGTIME SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVIST TO JOIN BCEC TEAM AS COMMUNITY LIAISON

Position Will Lead Community Outreach Initiatives

The Massachusetts Convention Center (MCCA) today announced the hiring of Robert "Bob" O'Shea of South Boston as its Community Liaison at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC). Mr. O'Shea will spearhead already existing MCCA community programs such as the MCCA Art Program, job and business community outreach, working with local and area non-profits, MCCA sponsored Dining in the Neighborhood Trolley Service and involvement in development issues surrounding MCCA facilities. Robert O'Shea officially began his position on July 7th, 2008.

"The MCCA understands the importance of involvement of our community stakeholders who contribute to Boston's reputation as a top-tier convention destination," said James E. Rooney, Executive Director of the MCCA. "I feel that with the addition of Bob O'Shea as Community Liaison, we will continue to go above and beyond community expectations and provide our neighbors with the opportunity to benefit from the work we do at the Convention Center."

O'Shea has nearly 25 years experience in the community sector. As a representative of the Central Artery Tunnel (CAT) Project, he fully coordinated and communicated all issues associated with this project to all abutters to provide them with the least amount of disruption and impacts as possible. He has served South Boston as a Board Member of the South Boston Community Development Foundation, South Boston Citizen's Association, South Boston Resident's Group and as well as the Joint Chairman of the South Boston Design Advisory Committee. O'Shea is also very active in South Boston youth sports programs as Coach of the South Boston Pop Warner Football and Manager of South Boston Little League.

"I am committed to executing the MCCA's community involvement which reflects the center's position as a leading convention facility," said O'Shea. "I'm looking forward to working closely with community stakeholders to elevate current and future community programs in the host community of South Boston."

"Bob O'Shea has been actively involved in South Boston for many years. I am confident his background and experience will be a welcome addition to the MCCA in his role as Community Liaison," said State Senator Jack Hart. "I look forward to working with Bob at this exciting time of development in South Boston as we work together to continue the economic benefits the convention center generates to our community. "

About MCCA

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. In 2007, the BCEC hosted 125 events, bringing in 528,027 attendees with 364,577 associated hotel room nights and generating \$306.2 million in direct economic activity.