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**MCCA HIRES OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR
BOSTON CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTER**
Experienced Manager with 23 Years in Convention Industry

James E. Rooney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA), today announced that the MCCA has hired Nicholas A. Langella as General Manager – Boston, effective Monday, November 17th.

Langella has 23 years of experience in the convention and exhibition industry, including as Building Services and Operations Manager of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York, and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the 1.6 million square foot Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) and the Hynes Convention Center.

“Nick is exactly the person we need to help us ensure that visitors and show coordinators are having the best experience possible when they come to Boston,” said Rooney. “Nick will make sure that every element of the event from the floor staff to the food and beverages is up to the “best-in-industry” standards that we are implementing throughout the MCCA.”

Langella will report to Jim Rooney and will oversee the customer service department, the event staff, the security department and contracted services with the MCCA, such as the cleaning staff. He will also participate and make recommendations regarding the setup, operations, policies and staffing levels at the BCEC.

Most recently, Langella was Vice President of Development and Facilities Operations for the Waterford Group LLC, which is overseeing the construction of the Connecticut Convention Center Complex being built in Hartford. Prior to that, Langella opened and was the General Manager of the Rhode Island Convention Center for ten years. He also opened the Javits Center, making him an ideal person to help the MCCA open the BCEC, which is scheduled to open June 2004.

“We are thrilled to have Nick come on board and with the professional, experienced team that Jim Rooney is assembling,” said Gloria Larson, Chairman of the MCCA Board of Directors. “We are moving from operating a small boutique facility to one of the largest

and most advanced convention centers in the country. Nick's experience in running large facilities will help us to hit the ground running when we open."

"It is an exciting time to join the MCCA and I am looking forward to the challenge," said Langella. "The BCEC is an incredible facility and together we will work to provide our clients the best service, amenities and experience we can. Our customers' success will be our best marketing tool toward building our reputation as the premier convention facility in the industry."

Langella is a member of many convention and meeting associations including, the International Association of Exhibit Managers, Professional Conference Managers Association, International Association of Assembly Managers, International Convention Center Conference, Meeting Planners International and the National Association of Consumer Shows.

The MCCA operates the Hynes Convention Center and the Boston Common Garage. The Authority is building the largest building in New England, the new Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, and is renovating and expanding the Springfield Civic Center for use as a multi-purpose convention center and arena.

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