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### **MCCA HIRES CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

*Hiring Builds on Effort to Put in Place New Team of Seasoned Executives at MCCA*

James E. Rooney, Chief Executive of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA), today announced that the MCCA has hired Travis A. McCready as Chief Financial Officer, effective Monday, December 29th.

McCready comes to the MCCA from the Boston Foundation, where he has served as Chief of Staff to the President and CEO and Corporate Secretary for the Foundation for the past two years. In that role he had responsibility for multiple aspects of the Foundation's affairs, including strategic direction, financial activity, day-to-day operations, constituent affairs and corporate governance.

"We are very excited to have Travis come on board," said Rooney. "Over the last several months, we have put together a top-notch team of professional individuals and we are changing the way the MCCA has done business for the past 20 years. The BCEC is set to open in six months and I am confident that our team is prepared to make the building an economic success for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth."

McCready will report to Jim Rooney and will be responsible for leadership and coordination in the administrative, business planning, accounting and budgeting efforts of MCCA. This includes responsibility for strategic and financial planning, budget preparation, financial analysis and oversight of financial statements and reports detailing MCCA financial activity. McCready will manage all staff in the MCCA's finance and accounting departments.

"Travis is a great addition to the new MCCA," said Gloria Larson, Chairman of the MCCA Board of Directors. "We will soon be opening one of the largest and most advanced convention centers in the country. Travis will be a great asset as we dramatically change our stature in the convention and meetings industry."

Prior to joining the Boston Foundation, McCready was Director of Community Affairs for Harvard University and prior to that, he was a corporate attorney at Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., a Minneapolis law firm.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to work on a project of incalculable importance for the City of Boston," said McCready. "It's an exciting challenge for me and I'm thrilled to

begin work with Jim Rooney and the rest of the staff, who are critical to the success of the agency and the BCEC.”

McCready received his Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law. He serves on several boards including Work in Progress and Associated Grantmakers. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the American Society of Corporate Secretaries.

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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