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Host Committee and Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Conventions Team Up

NYC 2004 Host Committee President Kevin Sheekey and Coalition of Environmentally Responsible Conventions (CERC) Executive Director Daniel Ruben announced today that the 2004 Republican National Convention will rely on renewable energy, carbon offset credits, reuse construction materials, employ the most comprehensive recycling program, administer a paperless hospitality support center for the media working in the James A. Farley Post Office Building, employ hybrid buses and employ food rescue practices for the official Media Welcome at the Time Warner Center on Saturday, August 28th.

NYC 2004 Host Committee acquired Renewable Energy Certificates from ConEdison *Solutions* that are generated by New York's Fenner Wind Farm. These renewable energy credits will match the anticipated electricity use at Madison Square Garden during the convention. CERC purchased additional renewable energy certificates from Sterling Planet that are generated by New York hydroelectric and landfill gas facilities. These renewable energy credits match the anticipated electricity use by the hotels for the 50,000 convention delegates and guests. CERC acquired carbon credits to offset the greenhouse gases emanating from travel to and from the convention by the 50,000 guests and delegates.

Construction and trade managers working for the NYC 2004 Host Committee in the Madison Square Garden arena will reuse and recycle nearly 80 percent of all building materials used including, steel, wood, carpeting and draperies.

In the media center at the James A. Farley Post Office Building and at Madison Square Garden an extensive recycling program will be employed for paper, bottles and cans, and cardboard. The Host Committee's hospitality services in the media center at the James A. Farley Building, operations will be entirely paperless and will likely reduce paper use by approximately one million pages.

During the convention's business hours, delegates and guests will ride eight hybrid buses. These buses will achieve 60 percent enhanced gas mileage and far lower air pollution rates than typical diesel buses.

The official Media Welcome reception at Time Warner Center on Saturday, August 28th, as well as other events of the 2004 Republican National Convention, will employ food rescue by City Harvest.

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CERC will host convention events for delegates including a cruise that highlights the Hudson River's resurgence and a tour of the Solaire, the country's first green high rise apartment.

CERC is a non-partisan, non-profit coalition of more than 50 leading New York and Boston environmental organizations and businesses such as Union of Concerned Scientists, Saunders Hotel Group, CERES, Starwood Hotels, and New England Aquarium. CERC's mission is to promote environmental best practices at the 2004 national political conventions; showcase these practices to political leaders and the public; and establish a legacy of environmental best practices for future large conventions.

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