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Secure Worker Program Rapidly Expands in NY Metro Region

FLEMINGTON, NJ - The Secure Workers Access Consortium (SWAC™) today announced an enrollment record of over 35,000 members, more than 1500 companies, unions, and public agencies in New York/New Jersey. The program also has expanded to the largest regional transportation agencies, including The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), and NJ Transit (NJT).

SWAC is a cooperative security effort among labor groups, contractors, and facility owner/operators and public and private agencies to help assure that the individuals who build and maintain our nation's transit systems, bridges and tunnels, and critical infrastructures such as the World Trade Center complex, are who they claim to be, have a demonstrated threat-free history, and have the appropriate surety, safety, and technical certifications required for a project. As a result, SWAC has earned the role of trusted technology and service provider among its member participants.

More than three years in operation, SWAC is a proven solution to the critical security challenges posed in the years following 9/11. Through independent, third-party screening companies SWAC provides a standardized screening based on the directives and guidelines put forth by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), - Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) list of Disqualifying Criminal Offenses as detailed in 49 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 1542.209 and 1572.103.

The Consortium's unified effort is the only online security system that solves the challenges of efficiently managing access to critical infrastructure and key resources. Many transient contractors work at multiple sites and facilities, each with its own security standards. SWAC provides an interoperable technology that enables authorized security professionals to validate individuals' identity and access rights in real-time at these disconnected facilities. Redundant identity and background checks and their costs are eliminated.

SWAC has proven effective in real-world use by NY/NJ regional transportation sector. And with the endorsement and continually increasing enrollment of NY/NJ labor unions, this program is well-positioned to support a national effort. For more information visit www.secureworker.com

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About SWAC™

The Secure Worker Access Consortium (SWAC) is a highly secure, information-sharing program that provides services and technologies to verify that individuals who access sensitive facilities and critical infrastructures are known and have a demonstrated threat-free history. The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and NJ Transit (NJT) along with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) now require SWAC as the Regional standard for the processing of Personal Identity Verification and Criminal Background Investigations. These agencies and others are strategically partnering with regional labor groups and contractors to mitigate risk, develop a SWAC Trusted Community, and cooperatively improve regional and national security.