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**COUNCILMAN WHITE INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO HELP SAVE OVER 500 JOBS IN SOUTHEAST QUEENS**

December 9, 2008, City Hall, New York City - Councilman Thomas White Jr. introduced legislation to assist Flying Food Group (FFG) to obtain Regionally Significant Project (RSP) status within the South Jamaica Empire Zone. The FFG is a food processing and packaging company that seECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENTSTANDARD SUPPLIES (52.2162) (JAN 1997)(a) The Contractor warrants that the unit price stated in the Schedule for [offeror insert Schedule line item number] is not in excess of the Contractor's applicable established price in effect on the contract date for like quantities of the same item. The term "unit price" excludes any part of the price directly resulting from requirements for preservation, packaging, or packing beyond standard commercial practice. The term "established price" means a price that (1) is an established catalog or market price for a commercial item sold in substantial quantities to the general public, and (2) is the net price after applying any standard trade discounts offered by the Contractor.(b) The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer of the amount and effective date of each decrease in any applicable established price. Each corresponding contract unit price shall be decreased by the same percentage that the established price is decreased. The decrease shall apply to those items delivered on and after the effective date of the decrease in the Contractor's established price, and this contract shall be modified accordingly.(c) If the Contractor's applicable established price is increased after the contract date, the corresponding contract unit price shall be increased, upon the Contractor's written request to the Contracting Officer, by the same percentage that the established price is increased, and the contract shall be modified accordingly, subject to the following limitations:(1) The aggregate of the increases in any contract unit price under this clause shall not exceed 10 percent of the original contract unit price.(2) The increased contract unit price shall be effective (i) on the effective date of the increase in the applicable established price if the Contracting Officer receives the Contractor's written request within 10 days thereafter or (ii) if the written request is received later, on the date the Contracting Officer receives the request.(3) The increased contract unit price shall not apply to quantitiesrves over 85 airlines and nationally known retail companies, including, minority, women-owned, union shops with over 500 employees. FFG’s Jamaica facility is looking to expand and relocate their production facility to building 146 at JFK Airport. Key to these efforts is the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation which is currently assisting the Flying Food Group to attain RSP designation, as well as working with the Empire State Development Corporation to secure the necessary approvals.

“During a severe economic downturn, we must take the necessary steps to assure that strategic businesses remain in our communities and continue to provide well paid jobs,” Councilman White said, “this legislation will allow the Flying Food Group to pursue Regionally Significant Project status, allow Southeast Queens to retain one of its largest employers, expand and support the airport industry which is vital to the area, and enable the company to retain over 500 jobs, while creating over 200 new, good paying positions with benefits.”

“Greater Jamaica Development Corporation is particularly interested in supporting the airline industry and strengthening airport-related economic activity.  This work is consistent with our efforts to boost the aviation business in Jamaica and the surrounding community,” said Carlisle Towery, President of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, which administers the State Empire Zone Program for Jamaica.  “Thanks to the Empire State Development Corporation, which is offering tax credits for retention and expansion and Councilman Thomas White Jr. of the New York City Council who is working to secure Regionally Significant Project status via legislation, which would allow the Flying Food Group obtain Empire Zone Benefits and further enhance the companies ability to thrive and create jobs for area residents.”

“These tax credits are important to making this project a success. The support of the City Council and Councilman White's leadership as Chair of the Economic Development Committee represent a giant step toward qualifying our company for these incentives as we grow and invest in Southeast Queens,” said David Cotton, CFO of the Flying Food Group.

In order to make the Jamaica location attractive to FFG, as well as retain the 500 plus positions, create over 200 new jobs and invest over $20 million in capital improvements to the property at JFK Airport, FFG is seeking Regionally Significant project status and will be following in the footsteps of Bimmy’s LLC and the Bronx-Westchester Tempering Corporation which received such designations as Regionally Signif