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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES LOTTERY FOR 47 PREVIOUSLY-ISSUED PEDICAB REGISTRATION PLATES

February 13 Deadline for Lottery Submissions; Applications Available Online and through Requests to 311

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) today announced that it is currently accepting lottery applications for 47 pedicab registration plates. These registration plates, previously issued to companies that either surrendered them or had them revoked by DCA, are again made available per Local Law 34 of 2011's requirements that DCA annually ensure the existence of all 850 registration plates authorized by law. Any person or company (including current pedicab drivers and pedicab business licensees who don't already have the 30 pedicab legal maximum) can submit a lottery application for one of the available pedicab registration plates no later than close of business on February 13, 2013, with a limit of one plate request per applicant. DCA currently licenses 198 pedicab companies and 1,388 pedicab drivers.

Once the application period closes, DCA will assign each accepted application a priority number based on a computer-generated random number selection program. DCA will make offers to issue registration plates to applicants in the order of their priority numbers. Once offers are made, applicants will have 45 calendar days from the date of the offer to demonstrate that their pedicabs meet the City's rigorous safety requirements, including proper brakes, lights, seatbelts and insurance. If an applicant does not meet all registration requirements, the applicant will be removed from the application lottery and DCA will offer the registration plate to another applicant. Applicants do not need to have a pedicab business license to apply for a registration plate, but must secure a pedicab business license before DCA can issue a registration plate.

Requirements for pedicab businesses, pedicab drivers and registration plates are available in DCA's Business Toolbox at nyc.gov/BusinessToolbox. License application packets are also available by calling 311 or at the DCA Licensing Center at 42 Broadway, 5th floor.

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