

New York City Mayor honored projects for excellence in design ***Flatbush Caton Mart was one of seven recipients in an Awards Ceremony***

New York City. **Mayor Michel R. Bloomberg** and **Public Design Commission President James P. Stuckey** honored seven public projects for excellence in design in an awards ceremony on **Tuesday, July 22, 2008** in The Times Center, the state-of-the-art cultural center and performance space of The New York Times Building in New York City. The **Installation of signage as part of the rehabilitation of the Flatbush Caton Market** was one of the winning projects selected by the members of the commission from hundreds of submissions reviewed each year, and which exemplify the highest design standards.

The Design Commission is composed of 11 members, who serve pro bono, and includes an architect, landscape architect, painter and sculptor as well as representatives of the Brooklyn Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Public Library.

The Installation of signage as part of the rehabilitation of Flatbush Caton Market 814 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn is a Project of the **Department of Design and Construction, the Department of Small Business Services and the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry**. Alexandra Ching and David Akey, Department of Design and Construction.

The **Flatbush Caton Market** was envisioned and initiated by then NYC Councilmember Una Clarke and was established in 2000 as part of the Department of Small Business Services microenterprise markets program. Since its inception, it has been managed by the **Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry**. The program provides off-street business locations at affordable rates to former street vendors and micro-entrepreneurs with strong social, cultural and economic interest in local community, who are making the transition to more stable business practices. It also offers a variety of business development services including basic business classes and ongoing training in merchandizing, finance, and technology for the vendors.

Other awardees are: **Construction of streetscape improvements, including the installation of an artwork by Brian Tolle, located at Flatbush Avenue from Tillary Street to Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn; Construction of the 121st Police Precinct, 970 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island; Installation of *Wall Drawing #1252: Scribbles (Pier 88)* by Sol LeWitt, Passenger Ship Terminal, Pier 88, West Side Highway and 48th Street, Manhattan; Construction of the Children's Library Center, Queens Central Library, 89-25 Merrick Boulevard, Queens; Construction of the Bronx River House and adjacent site work; Starlight Park, East 174th Street, the Sheridan Expressway and the Bronx River, Bronx; Special Recognition Award for Expansion of the Hospital for Special Surgery, East 70th Street to East 72nd Street and the FDR Drive, Manhattan.**

"Since we launched *PlaNYC* on Earth Day 2007, we have been committed to becoming more environmentally-friendly and making New York the world's first truly sustainable City," said **Mayor Bloomberg**. "Because most New Yorkers take mass transit instead of driving, nearly 80 percent of all our greenhouse gas emissions comes from buildings. This is where we need to focus our efforts - so it's very encouraging to see that all of tonight's winners have incorporated sustainable and energy-saving features into their designs."

Accepting the award on behalf of **CACCI's President and CEO Roy A. Hastick, Sr.** were **Ana Walker**, Interim Director of the Flatbush Caton Market, and board members, **Balfour Peart and Edmund Sadio**. For more information on the Flatbush Caton Market, visit [www: Flatbushcatonmarket.com](http://www.Flatbushcatonmarket.com).