Empire State Building Wins 2009 SBIC Beyond Green™ Award

*Empire State Building takes first place award in the High-Performance Buildings category*

**New York – February 2010** – The Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) has awarded the Empire State Building a first place distinction in the High Performance Buildings category of the 2009 SBIC Beyond Green™ Awards.

The Beyond Green™ Awards is a unique program that recognizes the initiatives that shape, inform and catalyze the high-performance building market, as well as the real-world application of high-performance design and construction practices.

In April of 2009, the Empire State Building, along with world-class environmental consulting, non-profit, design and construction partners – including the Clinton Climate Initiative, Rocky Mountain Institute, Johnson Controls Inc. and Jones Lang LaSalle - unveiled an upgrade program to retrofit the building to be more environmentally and economically sustainable. Through eight key initiatives, the groundbreaking program will save the Empire State Building $4.4 million in annual energy costs, reduce its energy consumption by 38 percent, repay its net extra cost in approximately three years, and cut its overall carbon output.

“We are honored to receive this prestigious award by SBIC,” said Anthony E. Malkin, Empire State Building Company. “Our retrofit program has set the precedent for buildings around the world to become more environmentally and economically efficient. We are extremely proud of the work we’ve done and continue to do with CCI, RMI, JCI and JLL to create this global model of sustainability.”

As a winner of this award, the research that informed the Empire State Building sustainability initiative will be published on the Whole Building Design Guide web site (www.wbdg.org) and representatives from the building are invited to present the project on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. in February 2010, in conjunction with an educational briefing for the High-Performance Buildings Congressional Caucus.

### About the Empire State Building

Soaring 1,454 feet above Midtown Manhattan, the Empire State Building is the “World’s Most Famous Office Building.” With new investments in infrastructure, public areas and amenities, the Empire State Building has attracted first-rate tenants in a diverse array of industries from around the world. The skyscraper’s robust broadcasting technology supports all major television and FM radio stations in the New York metropolitan market. The Empire State Building was named America’s favorite building in a poll conducted by the American Institute of Architects. The Empire State Building Observatory is one of the world’s most beloved attractions and is the region’s #1 tourist destination. For more information on the Empire State Building, please visit www.esbnyc.com.