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**DESTINY USA JOINS LEADING LOCAL COMPANIES AND
ORGANIZATIONS IN EXHIBITING AT ACCELERATE 2008
CONFERENCE AND EXPO**

Bringing New Ideas Together in Technology, Manufacturing,
and Sustainability Will Be the Focus

Syracuse, New York – Destiny USA officials announced today that it will join leading local companies and organizations as an exhibitor at the Accelerate 2008 Conference and Expo which will take place on Wednesday, April 30th, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Convention Center OnCenter, in Syracuse. The day-long conference and expo will celebrate and promote economic vitality, social equality and environmental stewardship in the Central New York region and beyond.

“The Accelerate 2008 Conference and Expo provides a great opportunity for innovative leaders in technology, manufacturing, and sustainability to network with each other and share with conference attendees, ideas that promote a healthy business climate for our area and foster pro-environmental thinking,” said Melissa Perry, Director of Sustainability for Destiny USA. “We are very excited about working with Accelerate 2008 because they help drive environmental awareness, which develops and attracts new businesses and a new regional economy.”

Accelerate 2008 is a collaboration between six Upstate New York community organizations:

- CASE Center at Syracuse University
- Central New York Technology Development Organization (TDO)
- F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse
- Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce
- Manufacturers Association of CNY (MACNY), and
- Syracuse Center of Excellence in Environmental and Energy Systems

“New to Accelerate 2008 is the Sustainability Learning Center, a place and opportunity for students to showcase their innovative projects and conduct mini-workshops on sustainability. There are 200+ students signed up to attend the conference coming from 14 area high schools. These science, math, and engineering students are vital to our future workforce. They are interested in preparing for jobs, in particular green jobs like those offered by Destiny,” said Charlotte Holstein, F.O.C.U.S. Executive Director.

On February 27, 2007, Destiny USA closed on \$540 million in financing, secured through municipal underwriters Lehman Brothers and Citigroup with the sale of \$345 million in municipal bonds, along with a construction loan from Citigroup, to advance the first phase of the project, including the first ever issued, “Green Bonds.” On the same day, Destiny USA delivered \$65.4 million to the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County to advance other economic development initiatives in the region.

Under direction from Destiny USA, Cianbro Corporation, the projects’ construction manager, is interweaving technology while driving innovation, to construct the “greenest destination” in the USA. The 1.3 million square foot First Phase has a 10 acre footprint.

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