

GZA GeoEnvironmental Retained for Geotechnical and Environmental Services for Construction of Boston's New W Hotel

BOSTON, MA...ISSUED OCTOBER 5, 2007...GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc., one of the area's leading environmental and geotechnical consulting firms, has been retained to perform geotechnical and environmental services for the construction of Boston's W Hotel and Residences at 100 Stuart Street in the downtown theatre district area.

The W Hotel and Residences is currently under construction on the site of a former parking lot garage, at the intersection of Stuart Street and Tremont Street. Plans call for the project to be a mixed use development with 26 floors including 235 hotel rooms, 123 luxury condos, 12,000 sq. feet of retail space, restaurants, a spa, as well as a 142 car z-level basement parking garage. GZA GeoEnvironmental is on site for this large urban construction project monitoring geotechnical and environmental aspects of the construction. One of the challenges of the site has been its close proximity to adjacent buildings including the Shubert Theatre. Currently GZA is observing the construction of a slurry wall around the site and is carefully monitoring the effects of the construction on the area.

The development team, SW Boston Hotel Venture LLC, broke ground for the more than \$200 million project this past spring. A spring 2009 completion date is expected. The project is expected to generate approximately 250 construction jobs, and more than 300 permanent jobs. "We are pleased to be a part of this wonderful new development in the city of Boston" said William R. Beloff, President and CEO of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. "The site has posed significant challenges based on its history and proximity to other buildings. Our expertise and experience in urban construction provides us with the solutions we need to bring this project to completion with a minimal disruption to the area."

About GZA

Founded in 1964, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. is a multi-disciplined firm providing environmental consulting, geotechnical and civil engineering, environmental remediation contracting, regulatory compliance, litigation support, air quality, solid waste services, specialty construction, occupational health and safety, and site development services. GZA maintains corporate offices at One Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062. The firm has approximately 500 employees and operates 22 offices, in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes Regions of the United States. For additional information, please call William R. Beloff, CEO at 781-278-3801 or visit the company's website at www.gza.com.

