

**Summary for projects submitted to the Appropriations Committee for the FY10
Appropriations Cycle**

The proposed recipient: Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation

Address of the recipient: 591 Main Street
Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

The amount of the request: \$200,000

Purpose of the project and why it is a good use of taxpayer funds: Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) is currently seeking development of a surveillance system that would assist the island's Public Safety Department with its successful Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS).

Part of the Corporation's concern in seeking the development of this system is the locations on the island that are critical parts of New York City infrastructure. The island houses two anchors of the Queensboro Bridge, a ten-lane cantilever bridge that has connected Manhattan to Queens since 1909. On the northern side of the bridge stands the Roosevelt Island Aerial-Tramway. The tram is operated by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation as a public transportation service that carries some two million passengers per year. Opposite the island's southern end and on the east side of Midtown Manhattan stands the United Nations Headquarters.

The island also houses a chlorine purification access point to New York City's Water Tunnel No. 3, one of the city's largest and most complex capital construction projects. The surrounding waters are patrolled by United States Coast Guard boats, particularly during important events at the United Nations Headquarters. During those times, the New York Police Department stations officers at the island's southern end on land that is currently protected from public access by fences and security measures. Future development on the island, including a park dedicated to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, will increase public access to a possible point of attack that is merely hundreds of feet from the complex.