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CONVENTION CENTER TOPS OUT

SYMBOLIC FINAL PIECE OF STEEL LAID INTO PLACE

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) today announced that it will host a ceremony tomorrow, October 17, 2002, commemorating the laying of the final piece of structural steel at the new Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC).

A brief speaking program, emceed by MCCA Director of Development and Construction James E. Rooney, will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the exhibit hall floor at the center of the building. Gloria C. Larson, chairman of the MCCA, will also speak.

A 30' beam of steel will be symbolically raised into the air, while over 1,200 labor leaders, construction workers, architects, and engineers look on. The laying of the final steel beam, or topping out, is a major construction milestone. All construction is expected to be complete in June of 2004.

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