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**DCAS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF
2009 FREDERICK O'REILLY HAYES PRIZE
FOR EMERGING LEADERS IN CIVIL SERVICE**

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services announced that an intelligence analyst for the Police Department who studies global terrorism threats and a project manager for the Department of Buildings who led the overhaul of the New York City Construction Code are the recipients of the 2009 Frederick O'Reilly Hayes Prize for emerging leaders in the civil service.

The 2009 recipients, as selected by the Hayes Prize Committee, will receive \$7,500 each. They are:

- ❖ **Mitchell D. Silber, Director of Intelligence Analysis for the Police Department.** Silber co-authored a groundbreaking NYPD study, "Radicalization in the West: The Homegrown Threat," which described the key stages by which followers of violent Islamist ideology are influenced to self-organize and participate in terrorist attacks. Silber's ongoing research has guided the training of NYPD personnel in counterterrorist missions and should help to suggest ways to channel potential recruits away from violence.
- ❖ **Benjamin "BJ" Jones, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Implementation at the Department of Buildings.** Jones led a team of over 400 stakeholders in a multi-year effort to develop and implement a revised New York City Construction Code. The new Code's adoption in 2007 marked its first comprehensive revision in 40 years. Jones also managed the recent High Risk Construction Oversight study and led the Department's successful transition to its first online application filing (e-filing) process.

The Hayes Prize recognizes emerging leaders in New York City government who demonstrate excellence in bringing improvements to the delivery of public services. The Prize was established by private donors in 2005 in memory of Fred Hayes, the City's Budget Director under Mayor John Lindsay who promoted innovation in government. Since 2007, DCAS has assisted in administering the awards process as part of its mission to provide executive development resources to City agencies.

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