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## Governor Cuomo Announces 2012 State of the State Address to Be Held in Empire State Plaza Convention Center on Jan. 4

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the 2012 State of the State Address will be held in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center on January 4th at 1:30 pm.

"The State of the State Address is an opportunity to open the doors of government to New Yorkers and bring the people into the process of rebuilding our state," Governor Cuomo said. "Holding the State of the State in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center will allow hundreds of New Yorkers from across this state to come to Albany to be a part of this day. I look forward to joining with members of the Legislature and the public on January 4 as we begin the new legislative session and continue the work we began last year to transform our government and build a New New York."

Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos said, "Over the past twelve months, New York State has again become a national leader, showing the rest of the country that through bipartisan collaboration and working together, government can work for the people. I look forward to joining Governor Cuomo, Speaker Silver, and my colleagues in the Senate on January 4th as we put forth our shared vision for creating jobs and moving this state in the right direction in the New Year."

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver Said, "Last year's legislative session was one of the most productive in recent memory. As we begin the New Year, the Governor's State of the State Address is a chance for us to focus once again on the purpose of government: to serve the people and ensure that everyone – especially working men and women and our most vulnerable citizens – have a voice in New York's future. I look forward to working with Governor Cuomo and my colleagues in the State Senate to continue improving New York's economy while ensuring that our schools, hospitals, and vital social safety net programs have the resources they need."

New Yorkers wishing to attend should visit the Governor's homepage to register:  
[www.governor.ny.gov](http://www.governor.ny.gov)

The registration period takes place from Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 9:00 am to Thursday, December 29 at 5:00 pm.

Seating is limited and tickets are non-transferable. In the event that the number of requests exceeds available seating, attendees will be selected by lottery. Guests will be notified of their selection via email by January 2, 2012.

Guests are reminded that weapons and controlled substances as well as bags, backpacks, luggage, parcels, briefcases, and like articles will be strictly prohibited from the event.

Photography and videography devices will not be allowed on the premises. Guests with prohibited articles will be turned away and no storage or "check-in area" will be provided for such items.