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Barriers to Protect WTC Transportation Hub Project

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A major New York Port Authority project to build a concrete barrier around the the reconstruction project at New York's World Trade Center has been awarded to Smith-Midland Corp., Midland, Va., manufacturer of the J.J. Hooks barrier connection system.

"This is a very high-profile project," says Ashley Smith, Smith-Midland's vice president for sales and marketing. "Through all of the tragedy they experienced in New York, it's great to be a part of the rebuilding of such a meaningful project."

Smith-Midland will provide 1,000-2,000 linear feet of precast concrete barrier featuring the J.J. Hooks connection system — a contract worth more than \$100,000. Barrier installation began Jan. 17 and will continue for the next one to two months.

The World Trade Center Transportation Hub project will provide a centralized location for taxi, bus and rail transportation services located near the reconstruction site. It will reconnect and expand links of the PATH rapid-transit system, all downtown subway lines and the World Financial Center Ferry Terminal via underground passageways.

Smith-Midland Corp. was chosen because the New York Port Authority was pleased with the both the barrier product and the service provided by the company at the 2004 Republican National Convention, held in New York City.

The J-J Hooks barrier connection system has been crash tested to National Cooperative Highway Research Program 350 standards.

There is no loose hardware, permitting a single section to be easily removed without disturbing adjacent sections and eliminating the possibility of lost, stolen or damaged parts. This is important for easy emergency access and protection against tampering and vandalism. It can be used as a temporary or permanent barrier system.

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