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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, NW			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20036			
4. Contact Name	Telephone	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
Bill Paxon	202-887-4000		682-377
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Empire State Development Corporation			6. House ID # 3178421

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇒ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying

INCOME OR EXPENSES – Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:
Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>120,000</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)	\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA defined Internal Revenue Code
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603 Internal Revenue Code
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____ Date February 15, 2004 _____

Printed Name and Title Bill Paxon, Senior Advisor _____

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Registrant Name Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP Client Name Empire State Development Corporation

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the re engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. **Using a separate page for each code** information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code DEF (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Defense appropriations and military construction

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal Agencies contacted Check if None

- U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. Department of Defense

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Stacy Carlson	
Anthony Foti	
Bill Paxon	
John M. Simmons	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature _____ Date February 13, 2004

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Information Update Page – Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City: _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

Stacy Carlson

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organizations(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of B (city and state or cc

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution if more than \$10,000	

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, c
affiliated organization.

Signature

Date February 13, 200

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title Bill Paxon, Senior Advisor

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