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Dear Prospective Mentee:

On behalf of the City of New York Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, we want to offer you an opportunity to be mentored by a professional in a career field that interests you by participating in Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) on **Wednesday, October 17, 2012.**

DMD is designed to bring students and job seekers with disabilities into the workplace where they can learn about various career opportunities. Through DMD, students and job seekers become "mentees" by pairing up with a career professional (a "mentor") to learn what it means to work in that particular field or occupation, including observing a typical workday, identifying necessary skills, and learning about possible internships or employment prospects. While DMD is a one-day event, mentors and mentees are encouraged to stay in touch after the event. Mentoring is an invaluable and beneficial tool for both the mentor and mentee, designed to advance career development and personal growth.

Disability Mentoring Day originated at the White House in 1999 with less than three dozen local students participating. Now hosted by the American Association for People with Disabilities (AAPD), the nation's largest cross-disability membership organization, DMD has evolved significantly to encompass participation in all fifty states and many countries around the world. The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities has been designated by AAPD as the official local coordinating organization in our area. To find out more about DMD, please visit our website at www.nyc.gov/mopd and the AAPD website at <http://www.aapd.com/what-we-do/employment/disability-mentoring-day/>.

To participate in DMD, please complete and return the attached Mentee Application form by **Friday, August 24, 2012** by e-mail at: DMD@cityhall.nyc.gov, or by fax at: (212) 341-9843.

For assistance in learning how to get involved, and/or if you have any additional questions, contact Mkada Beach, DMD Program Coordinator, by e-mail at: mbeach@cityhall.nyc.gov, or by phone at: (212) 788-2830.

We hope you will take advantage of this mentoring opportunity and join us on October 17th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J R Mischel".

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Enclosures