

# BROOKLYN-BASED TGI OFFICE AUTOMATION BRINGS NEARLY 50 YEARS OF TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE TO BARCLAYS CENTER

# TGI Forms Partnership with the Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center

**BROOKLYN** (**September 21, 2012**) – Reaffirming their commitment to supporting local businesses, Barclays Center and the Brooklyn Nets have formed an alliance with Brooklyn-based TGI Office Automation, one of the nation's most reputable office solutions provider.

TGI will provide Barclays Center and the Brooklyn Nets with office equipment, including copiers, printers and fax machines. Factory trained service technicians and certified network engineers will be available to provide dedicated around the clock customer service.

Environmental sustainability is important to Barclays Center, the Brooklyn Nets and TGI Office Automation. As part of their commitment to the environment, TGI will hold an event during a Brooklyn Nets game to collect empty printer cartridges which will then be recycled in order to keep them out of landfills.

"We were thrilled when the opportunity to partner with Barclays Center and the Brooklyn Nets presented itself," said TGI CEO Frank Grasso. "This partnership gives us the opportunity to connect with the people of Brooklyn in ways we wouldn't otherwise be able to and provides us with an international stage to showcase what Brooklyn businesses are really all about."

In addition to the recycling program, TGI will provide other ecological solutions, including dramatically reducing paper use, introducing energy star-compliant equipment, and installing software tools to achieve and measure carbon footprint.

"Barclays Center and the Brooklyn Nets are proud to align with TGI Office Automation, a Brooklyn-based business," said Barclays Center and Brooklyn Nets CEO Brett Yormark. "During its inaugural year, Barclays Center will host more than 220 events, making it essential for our offices to operate efficiently. We are proceeding confidently knowing that we have the support of TGI Office Automation."

#### **About TGI Office Automation**

TGI Office Automation is a comprehensive office technology provider offering scalable solutions to many of today's complex business issues. TGI partners with industry leaders like Toshiba, Lanier, Lexmark, Ricoh and HP all with long-standing reputations for things like innovation, quality and reliability. TGI is committed to improving document workflow, controlling costs, meeting compliancy requirements and reducing waste. Thinking great ideas might seem uncommon to some but it's the way they've been doing business for nearly 50 years.

#### **About Barclays Center**

Scheduled to open on September 28, 2012, Barclays Center will be a major sports and entertainment venue in the heart of Brooklyn, New York. Developed by Brooklyn-based real estate developer Forest City Ratner Companies, and designed by the award-winning architectural firms AECOM (<a href="www.aecom.com/architecture">www.aecom.com/architecture</a>) and SHoP Architects (<a href="www.shoparc.com">www.shoparc.com</a>), Barclays Center will have one of the most intimate seating configurations ever designed into a modern multi-purpose arena, with unparalleled sightlines and first-class amenities. Barclays Center will offer approximately 18,200 seats for basketball and up to 19,000 seats for concerts, and will also have 101 luxury suites, four bars/lounges, four clubs, and 40/40 CLUB & Restaurant by American Express.

Barclays Center will host an extensive variety of events, including premier concerts, monthly major professional boxing cards, top college basketball, family shows, professional hockey, and the Brooklyn Nets. Some of the special programming that is already scheduled includes JAY Z, who will open the building on September 28 with the first of his eight concerts, Barbra Streisand, Andrea Bocelli, Rihanna, Justin Bieber, Journey, Leonard Cohen, The Who, Bob Dylan and His Band with Special Guest Mark Knopfler, Rush, John Legend, THE SMASHING PUMPKINS, Green Day, UB40, Shaggy, Beres Hammond, Maxi Priest, Hezekiah Walker, Neil Young & Crazy Horse, The King's Men gospel concert with Kirk Franklin, Marvin Sapp, Donnie McClurkin, and Israel Houghton, 2012 Verizon's How Sweet the Sound<sup>TM</sup>, Russell Peters, the Barclays Center Classic men's college basketball tournament, Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship, Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, Islanders vs. Devils game, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus and Disney on Ice, Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions, and the New York Masters equestrian show jumping. Current programming alliances with Barclays Center include Golden Boy Promotions, IMG, Feld Entertainment, Lagardère Unlimited, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

In addition to Barclays, the naming rights partner, Founding Partners for Barclays Center include American Honda Motor Co., Inc., American Express, Calvin Klein, Cushman & Wakefield, EmblemHealth, Foxwoods Resort Casino, GEICO, MetroPCS, Stolichnaya, and Ticketmaster. Other sponsors include: adidas, Anheuser-Busch, The Coca-Cola Company, Haier America, HighPoint Solutions, LIU Brooklyn, New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, SONY, Tyco, and Willis.

Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, Barclays Center will be accessible by 11 subway lines, the Long Island Rail Road, and 11 bus lines.

### ELEVEN TRAINS. ONE DESTINATION. BARCLAYS CENTER.

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(6) to Lafayette Avenue (6) to Fulton Street LIRR to Atlantic Terminal

For more information on Barclays Center, please visit <u>www.barclayscenter.com</u>. For more information on the Brooklyn Nets, please visit <u>www.brooklynnets.com</u>.

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