INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS IT?

The Tower Tube is a tool kit of resource materials designed to enhance and extend visits to The Skyscraper Museum’s exhibitions and programs. Primary-source materials and this user guide complement the Museum visit and support classroom instruction on these particular social studies concepts and themes:

- New York City history
- Skyscrapers and the development of the urban environment
- Community and neighborhood exploration

WHAT’S INSIDE?

The Tower Tube holds a collection of reproductions of historic images showing New York City skyscrapers, streets, and skylines. These resources—including photographs, drawings, and maps—represent a selection of the Museum’s rare artifacts that tell the story of skyscrapers and their unique place in the history and life of cities like New York.

The Tower Tube includes:

- 14 enlarged images from The Skyscraper Museum collection
- User manual with comprehensive information about each Resource
- Teaching strategies for document-based inquiry
- Suggested activities for the Classroom
- Connections to NY State Learning Standards in Social Studies and Regents Exam Content