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REGION RE-TOOLS FOR \$500 MILLION REVITALIZATION COMPETITION

Regional Council Begins Journey In Oneonta With Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul

The Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council (MVREDC) met last Thursday, January 29, at SUNY Oneonta to learn more about Governor Andrew Cuomo's plan for the Upstate Revitalization Fund. Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, who serves as statewide Chair of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative, met with the MVREDC to outline Governor Cuomo's [2015 Opportunity Agenda](#), which includes \$1.5 Billion to establish the Upstate Revitalization Fund - a competition in which seven regions will compete for three awards of \$500 million to help revitalize the Upstate economy and create new jobs for Upstate New Yorkers.



Modeled after the Buffalo Billion, the Upstate New York Economic Revitalization Competition will provide an opportunity for a range of projects to be eligible for funding. Funding will be awarded in the form of grants, tax credits, and loan programs, and winners are expected to be announced in the Fall of 2015. Richard Tobe, Director of Upstate Revitalization, accompanied Lieutenant Governor Hochul to elucidate the details of this remarkable chance for the Mohawk Valley to present a dynamic, definitive plan for growth and prosperity.

"The Opportunity Is Imminent." Co-Chairs Larry Gilroy and Bob Geer immediately seized this opportunity, on behalf of the Regional Council, to communicate regional strengths and offer a glimpse of the Mohawk Valley's winning strategy. Citing a "convergence of technology and innovation," Geer and Gilroy pointed to distinct similarities between Buffalo and the Mohawk Valley - a clear indication that we are "ready for this investment."

As Lieutenant Governor Hochul and Richard Tobe both indicated, this is a "once-ever" opportunity for the region. Wheels are already in motion, and working groups are assembling to seize this moment. During the next few months, the MVREDC will continue to engage, recruit, and collaborate with stakeholders from across the six-county region to refine our vision for a vibrant future.

Together, we will construct a plan that will attract even greater private investment, even more jobs, and better secure a brighter and more sustainable future for our region. Now is the time. Let's do this.

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MOHAWK VALLEY AND NORTH COUNTRY PARTNERING FOR A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

2015 CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY CONFERENCE IN JUNE @ SUNY POLYTECHNIC

The Mohawk Valley and North Country Regional Economic Development Councils are partnering to host the 2015 Clean Energy Economy Conference (CEEC) on June 11-12 at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. This is the first joint endeavor for the two REDCs, exploring one of many critical links between the two regional economies. The Conference this year will be Co-chaired by Nick Matt, MVREDC and CEO of F.X. Matt Brewery, and Tony Collins, NCREDC Co-Chair and President of Clarkson University.

Clean Energy - wind, biomass, hydro, solar, geothermal - continues to play a structural role in the future of the upstate economy. Manufacturers, educational institutions, and local governments are making investments in alternative energy and diversifying their power portfolios as they move toward a more economically and environmentally sustainable future.

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Even as the two regions compete for a share of the \$1.5 Billion Upstate Revitalization Fund, the MVREDC and NCREDC are committed to forging long-term partnerships in energy, transportation, technology, and trade. Two of the regions' prominent organizations - ANCA and The Genesis Group - are collaborating to promote the event to businesses, operators, practitioners, homeowners, educators, installers, and students. Stay tuned on the web <http://www.ncenergyconference.org/> for more information on the conference, and for opportunities to get involved.



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IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET - THERE'S STILL TIME!

**NEW YORK STATEWIDE
WINTER ENERGY TOUR**



New York State's energy leaders and experts are visiting your region to share exciting, groundbreaking opportunities for you to lead the Mohawk Valley's energy future.

The New York Statewide Winter Energy Tour will present Governor Cuomo's energy vision and engage communities in NY Prize -- a first-in-the-nation \$40 million competition to enlist communities to advance plans for local power infrastructure designed to promote clean energy, reliability, resiliency, and affordability.

Each session will bring together the New York energy leadership team, led by Richard Kauffman, Chairman of

Energy and Finance for Governor Cuomo, community leaders, municipal representatives, critical care facility managers, business leaders, innovators, investors, technology representatives, and others interested, to:

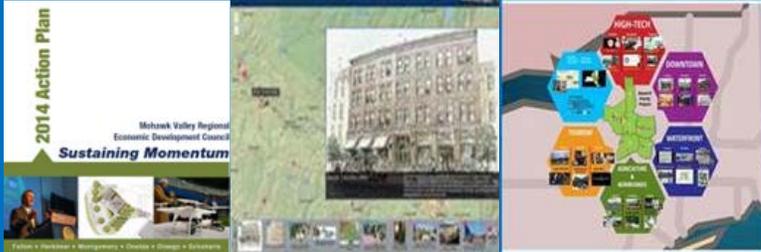
- Hear about initiatives driving New York State's energy future
- Consider your regional microgrid opportunity
- Share ideas and network
- Learn how to take the first step to participate in the NY Prize competition

NY Prize is part of New York State's comprehensive effort to build a cleaner, more resilient, and affordable energy system. This trailblazing approach is designed to rapidly integrate clean energy -- promoting more efficient use of energy, deeper penetration of renewable energy resources such as wind and solar, and wider deployment of "distributed" energy resources, such as microgrids, on-site power supplies, and energy storage.

Space is limited. Register today to reserve your seat.

[Register for the Feb 4, 2015 Statewide Winter Energy Tour at SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Utica](#)

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