

## **Southern Tier Regional Council Meeting**

**September 1, 2015**

Council Members Present: Tom Tranter, Harvey Stenger, Kathryn Boor, Patricia Cummings, Rich David, Marty Dietrich, Peg Ellsworth, Diane Lantz, Ernie Hartman, Mike Lane, Barbara Lifton, Judy McKinney-Cherry, Kevin McLaughlin, George Miner, Svante Myrick, Bonnie Palmer, Debbie Preston, Lou Santoni, Tom Santulli, Martha Sauerbrey, Barbara Schindler, Linda Shumaker, Rose Sotak, Mike Stamm, Candance Vancko

Council Members Substitutes: Lou Callea (for Mike Field), Jamie Johnson (for Joe Hauryski), Tim O’Hearn (for Dennis Fagan), Kim Middaugh (for Susan Skidmore), Wayne Mitteer (for Kathy Connerton)

Special Guests: Lt Gov. Hochul, Ryan Silva, ESD

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Paul D’Amato (DEC), Pam Eshbaugh (DOT), Christian Harris (DOL), Ken Lynch (DEC), Janet Roach (DOH), Michael Straight (NYSERDA), JC Smith (EFC), Jack Williams (DOT), Robin Alpaugh, Barbara Furch, Terry Kane, Bonnie Palmer, Susan Payne, Joe Roman, Jason Conwell, Kevin McCabe, Dawn Burlew, Kevin McManus

### **Reports/Discussions**

- Co- Chair T. Tranter gave opening remarks and called the meeting to order.
- Co-Chair H. Stenger welcomed Council Members to Binghamton University and requested a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Approved
- Public Session reconvened at 12:32pm.
- Co-Chair T. Tranter introduced Lieutenant Governor, Kathy Hochul.
- Lt Gov. Hochul gave remarks on the CFA Round V process, past levels of investment and job creation in the Southern Tier Region , and URI process
- Co-Chair H. Stenger requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2015 Council meeting. J. Johnson motioned. J. Cherry second. Regional Council approved
- Co- Chair H. Stenger and asked members/designee’s to submit their recusals and introduce themselves and their affiliation.
  - Co- Chair H. Stenger announced that ESD staff previously collected recusals/statements and requested the option to submit this document to the minutes
- Co-Chair T. Tranter gave a Chair report on the SIAT Tour in Corning and Watkins Glen, 8/26/15
- Co-Chair H. Stenger gave a Chair report on the visitation to Buffalo for the preliminary URI presentation to the SIAT team
- Co-Chair T. Tranter introduced Susan Payne



- S. Payne presented recommended designation of Priority Projects previously reviewed in Executive Session for CFA Round V 2015: \$30 Million and \$15 Million.
- P. Cummings asked if the number of indirect job related to the Corliss Avenue project were part-time or permanent.
- S. Payne responded that all the indirect jobs are permanent
- T. Tranter explained the CFA job creation criteria for Universities excludes graduate students that receive jobs as a result of projects that assist in the expansion of a university's academic programs
- Co-Chair H. Stenger opens up discussion on the selection criteria if the Southern Tier wins the URI and how the recommended Priority Projects will be impacted.
- Co-Chair T. Tranter explained that project readiness was a major criterion for selecting priority projects in CFA Round V. If the Southern Tier wins the URI, the recommended priority projects will be the first list of projects through the URI. Other project will go through a standard process for the URI over the next five years.
- S. Payne described the Executive Committee's selection criteria which took into consideration the linkage each project has to the four initiatives approved by the Regional Council on June 26, 2015:
  - Greater Binghamton Innovation Ecosystem
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - Food & Agriculture
  - Innovative Culture of the Southern Tier (tourism, entrepreneurial, Extensive R&D)
- Co-Chair T. Tranter commented on the CFA voting process reminding the Regional Council that the State has 80% of the vote and there are no guarantees that all the priority projects listed will receive funding.
- M. Stamm requested a correction to the name of a Priority Project to represent Tompkins County.
- R. David made a general comment commending the Executive Committee on their efforts to put a strategic list of priority projects together that reflects the entire region.
- Co-Chair H. Stenger commented that these projects are not one time investment but rather investment of significant growth
- T. Santulli asked if members of Regional Council can begin to discuss the details of Priority Projects with the public.
- Co-Chair T. Tranter clarified that no decisions have been finalized at this time and it would best to speak in general about projects until the decision on the type of funding is made
- R. Silva gave an overview of CFA Round V/ URI process and timelines.
- Lt Gov. Hochul commented that the Southern Tier Priority Project list has a cross section of initiatives that align with the governors initiatives for New York State



- Co-Chair H. Stenger gave an overview of the processes that went into the selection criteria for priority projects and the even distribution of funding that will potentially take shape throughout the region
- R. Silva reminded that there are projects from a variety of other funding sources that will be part of the CFA process going forward
- Co-Chair H. Stenger requested a motion for approval of the recommended CFA Round V Priority Projects. D. Preston motioned. E. Hartman Second. Council approved. Recusals were noted.
- S. Payne presented the 15 million dollar project list.
- D. Lupardo clarified the process for the CFA 15 Million Dollar project list, stating that projects from this list will be selected if the Southern Tier does not win the URI and is not a top performer in the CFA Round V competition
- S. Payne reminded the Regional Council that the Priority Project list is a subset of the total number of projects in the CFA. There are number of projects outside of ESD Capital that are not reflected in the Priority Project List
- D. Preston asked if the dollar amount will change as a result of the 15 Million dollar project list
- Co-Chair H. Stenger requested a motion to approve the 15 million dollar project list. M. Stamm motioned. T. Santulli second. Council approved
- Co-Chair H. Stenger introduced into discussion the Advanced Manufacturing Industry Cluster Plan
- S. Payne briefly presented the Advanced Manufacturing Industry Cluster Plan
- Co-Chair H. Stenger requested a motion to approve the Advanced Manufacturing Industry Cluster Plan. J. Johnson motioned. L. Shumaker second
- Co-Chair T. Tranter announced the Public Comment Period and asked members of the public to make a statement
- Alan Michael, Industry Building Block, asked how are these industry clusters selected
- R. Silva described ESD process and how industries are identified for incentive opportunities
- Alan Michael stated that he was looking for an answer that shows how new industry clusters can be identified to establish continuous growth in the region rather than an inventory of what's in existence today
- Co-Chair T. Tranter asked for additional public comment
- Co-Chair T. Tranter declared the public comment period closed
- Co-Chair T. Tranter asked Susan Payne to review next meeting's agenda
- S. Payne described to the Regional Council the type of information that will be presented for the URI at the next meeting.
- Co-Chair T. Tranter requested a motion to adjourn. Regional Council approved.