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Economic Development Capital Projects

I. Infrastructure

A. Water & Sewer Improvements –To Support Job Creation & Retention-

1. Sharon Springs Infrastructure Improvements \$ 3.0 million

To support the development of an international health spa and resort complex. Total **new employment is estimated at roughly 300 employees**. Project area is located in a New York State Empire Zone. Total **private investment is estimated at \$38 million**. Estimated construction: **Summer 2009**

2. Water and Sewer Extension to Shad Point Industrial Park \$ 3.2 million

To support the development of a 100+ acre industrial park located immediately off the I-88 Interchange No. 22. The proposed park would generate approximately **\$50 million in private investment** and the creation of **250 new jobs**. Estimated construction: **Summer 2009**

3. Water and Sewer Extension from Cobleskill along NYS Route 7 \$ 8.6 million

Extension east to Shad Point Industrial Park and west to the Village of Richmondville (\$2.4 million and \$6.2 million, respectively). To support the expansion of existing businesses and the influx of new businesses. Several **hundred new jobs** as well as **several hundred retained jobs** are expected. Estimated construction: **Spring 2010**

4. Extension of Water Service in the Hamlet of Central Bridge \$ 1.5 million

The area is located along the Interstate I-88 Corridor and at the intersection of Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties. It is also served by rail. The area is ideal for future industrial and commercial development but lacks the water needed to accommodate this growth. With the expansion of the water system, and **additional 200 jobs** is estimated to be derived.

B. Energy – To Support Job Creation & Retention-

1. Development of Redundant Electric Feed at Shad Point \$ 3.23 million

Various requests from site selection firms have identified a 100+ acre tract of land suitable for development at Shad Point, adjacent to Interstate I-88 Interchange No. 22. These requests include duo-feed electric. Estimate job creation at the site could exceed **300 new employees**. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**

2. Extension of Natural Gas along Route 30 Corridor \$ 3.3 million

This area between Sloansville and Middleburgh is adjacent to Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie County, located along the Interstate I-88 Corridor, and serviced by rail. It is poised for future commercial and industrial development, but lacks natural gas. The extension of natural gas to this corridor would result in **new development with the creation of several hundred new job opportunities**.

C. Alternative Energy & Information Technology

1. Broadband Initiative \$ 25.8 million

There remains a severe lack of broad band coverage throughout the more rural areas of Schoharie County. This would allow broadband access to the entire County, including all businesses and residences. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**

2. SUNY Development of Waste to Bio-Energy Project \$ 3.0 million

Phase I and II of this project have already been **funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Defense**. Phase III of this project involves the development of the deployment system for the U.S. Department of Defense design and build of a 40kw system for the Project. The Project will convert common household waste into gas for residential and commercial applications. Program start: **Fall 2009**

3. Alternative Energy Revolving Loan Fund \$ 2.0 million

For alternative energy companies wishing to develop alternative energy production within New York State.

D. Highway Improvements – To Support Job Creation & Retention-

1. Howe Caverns Water Park Highway Access Improvements \$ 3.0 million

To support the development of a proposed **\$75 million water park** to be located at Howe Caverns. Includes the building of a new 250 room hotel and a one-acre indoor water park which would **initially employ 350 people year round**. Estimated construction: **Summer 2009**

2. New I-88 Interchanges

a. New Interchange at Howe Caverns Water Park \$ 30 million

The new interchange would be beneficial for future development along the I-88 and NYS Route 7 corridors with the addition of another **200 new employees**.

b. New I-88 Interchange At Cobleskill Industrial Parks \$ 30 million

The Park is proposed to house private alternative energy development and production facilities. The Park is planned to house additional manufacturing facilities, which would employ **approximately 150 people**. The new interchange will also benefit an existing manufacturer who **currently employs 65 people** with plans to **increase to well over 100**.

c. New I-88 Interchange At Oak Hill \$ 30 million

A new, 100 acre industrial park is proposed for this site. The site is identified by the New York State Department of Economic Development for distribution facilities.

3. Signage Installation Along I-88 \$ 0.025 million

To promote County tourism and small business. Installation of eight signs at I-88 interchanges throughout County. Installation: **Fall 2009**

E. Podpadic Road Bridge Construction \$ 0.5 million –To Support Job Creation & Retention-

To provide access to a 100+ acre industrial site in the Town of Richmondville. Potential job creation is **approximately 200 new employees**. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**

F. Environmental Infrastructure

1. Reconstruction of Middleburgh Primary Water Main \$ 1.5 million

One of the oldest in the County, and serves numerous businesses and residents of the Village. Future expansion to other businesses is not feasible until the existing main is replaced and upgraded. Job **retention of several hundred existing jobs** and the creation of some **200 new jobs**.

2. Stream & Dam Improvements

a. West Creek Rehabilitation Project \$ 0.75 million

Stream realignment and bank stabilization of unstable stream stretches in the Town of Seward. Included in the County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**

b. Fox Creek Rehabilitation Project \$1 million

Stream realignment and bank stabilization of unstable stream stretches in the Towns of Wright and Schoharie. Included in the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**

c. Manorkill Creek Stream Management Plan \$1 million

Implementation of the Manorkill Creek Stream Management Plan. Estimated construction: **Spring 2009**

d. Village of Middleburgh Stony and Gorge Creeks Watershed Flood Prevention Project \$1 million

Several wetland rehabilitation areas, a possible retention pond, and stream stabilization efforts in the Stony and Gorge Creek Included in the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**

e. Schoharie Reservoir Dam Improvements \$0.3 million

Add an additional 4 feet to the height of the crest wall, to help further mitigate flooding (up to the 25-year storm) for downstream property owners and communities. Estimated construction: **Spring 2009**

II. Health & Human Services

A. Cobleskill Regional Hospital Nursing Home \$6 million

Development of 120 bed unit. Schoharie County is one of only two counties in NYS that does not have a nursing home. Project will **create approximately 120 new jobs**. Total **private investment is estimated at \$20 million**.

III. Industrial Development – To Support Job Creation & Retention-

A. Cobleskill Industrial Park Manufacturing Building \$ 2.0 million

No current lease space exists. A new 15,000 square foot facility could accommodate growing demand. New **private investment is expected to be approximately \$3 million** with total new employment reaching **100 new jobs**. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**

B. New IDA Industrial Park Acquisition \$3.0million

There exists a severe lack of industrial sites for manufacturing firms to locate. The IDA plans on acquiring two additional 100+ acre sites, which will ultimately result in the **investment of another \$10 million in private funds** and the **creation of another 300 jobs**. Estimated construction: **Fall 2009**