



REPORT FOR 03.24.14

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

- Co-chairs seeking consensus on College & University Roundtable
- SUNY-Oneonta has volunteered to host the event
- Committee will begin to assemble STARTUP plans

Action Items:

- Identify best dates/times to convene roundtable.
- Poll Colleges & Universities for progress on STARTUP master planning process.

SUMMIT PLANNING

- Revision of agenda and invite list
- **April 30th @ [Herkimer College or Arkell Museum].**
- Dr. Geer to formally invite Mike Russo as keynote
- Peter Fleischer, Empire State Future, confirmed as a breakout session facilitator
- Alicia Terry to reach out to Beakmans as possible facilitator for Ag, Brewing, & Locavesting breakout.

Action Items:

- Confirm Mike Russo as Keynote **asap**
- Confirm next two breakout facilitators and line up panelists
- Send **Save the Dates** to key stakeholders, elected officials, and individuals to be invited by Monday, March 24th.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Organizational meeting held on Thursday, March 20th from 9:30-11:30 am @ GEMS Along the Mohawk Conference Room. In attendance were Mike Reese, Steve DiMeo, Ken Tompkins, Ken Rose, Mark Feane, Sandy Mathes, Hon. Vincent Bono (Herkimer Co. Chairman), Hon. Bernard Peplinski Sr. (Herkimer Co. Legislator), Alicia Terry (by phone), Sarah Blood (by phone), Christian Mercurio.

Items discussed include:

- Terms for HCR & CIF funding (still under review/revision)
- Prefer rolling applications based on project readiness, rather than rounds or arbitrary deadlines
- Intend to merge all ESD/REDC funding into CIF
- Within 10 business days, nail down process, forms, and initial call for priority project ideas.
- Next meeting planned for week of April 7th.

OUTREACH & INFORMATION

- Kilmer engaging chamber leadership across the region; working to identify potential dates and formats for chamber events featuring MVREDC panelists – including Rotary meetings, joint board meetings, and special events.
- Wally Hart delivered MVREDC presentation to Johnstown Rotary Club on Wednesday, March 19th.
- Tompkins and Mercurio met with Stephanie Davis and Anthony Marris from the Greater Utica Chamber Government Affairs committee on March 18th to discuss upcoming panel on Regional Economic Development Council and CFA Opportunities.
- Dr. Geer delivered presentation to Rome Chamber's Beer & Wine Summit on Thursday, March 20th at Capitol Theatre.
- Nick Matt scheduled for presentation at Clean Energy Conference in Lake Placid in June.
- New e-communications platform for newsletters implemented; currently refining to include full newsletter in the body of emails. Pilot on 28th.
- Access committee reports and newsletter archive on MVREDC web page. View page revisions:
<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/mohawk-valley>

