Long Island Regional Council Vision Statement

For Long Island's economy, innovation has been our past and will be our future. This is the region whose high tech companies and institutions produced the aircraft that helped win a world war, built the Lunar Module which first put men on the moon and cracked the genetic code. Long Island will become a national and global center for innovation and the model for a knowledge-based economy to create new high-paying jobs and improve the quality of life for every one of our residents.

The Long Island Regional Council's vision for long-term economic growth is characterized by close, ongoing collaboration between academia, the private sector, labor, and government to protect and grow our advanced manufacturing base while encouraging innovation in life sciences, business processes and our vital high-technology industry cluster – particularly in the areas of defense and homeland security, information technology and clean energy.

To accomplish this, we will build on the successes of our existing businesses, translate the valuable research conducted at our world-class research institutions, and mobilize our highly skilled and educated workforce. Furthermore, investments in our transportation, housing and sewer infrastructures, natural assets, youth and in the training and education of our workforce will support a sustainable economy that revitalizes communities and protects our natural environment.

Born of a desire to encourage creative, collaborative entrepreneurial partnerships and to overcome long-standing impediments, the Long Island Regional Council's Strategic Plan will signify a major step toward achieving this vision. The final outcome will be a blueprint for deliberate growth that will enhance Long Island's job-generating capacity and establish the region as a global center of innovation.

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