



Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council Meeting  
June 28, 2012  
Binghamton University

**Council Members Present:** Tom Tranter, Steve Johnson (for David Skorton), Martin Dietrich, Dan Spoor, Barbara Schindler, Debbie Preston, Ernest Hartman, Tim O’Hearn, George Miner, Michael Stamm, Peg Ellsworth, Diane Lantz, Patricia Cummings, Barbara Lifton, Chris Friend, Cliff Crouch, Tom Libous, David Patak, Donna Lupardo, Doug Barton, Kathryn Boor, Harvey Stenger, Linda Shumaker, Lou Santoni, Scott Welliver, Steve Craig, Susan Skidmore, Uttara Prasad, Keith Baumann

**State Agency/Local Government Staff Present:** John Burin, JC Smith, Julie Sweet, Ken Lynch, Paul D’Amato, Kevin McCabe, Bob Furlani, Frank Surdey, Robin Alpaugh, Tim Grippen, Phil Giltner, Linda Hardie, Pam Eschbaugh, Christian Harris, Kevin McLaughlin, Susan Payne, Tom Kowalik

Reports/Discussions

Lt Governor Duffy opened the meeting and welcomed all Council members, agency representatives and introduced elected officials. He recognized Kevin McLaughlin’s birthday and offered a brief update on Chobani and the dairy business.

T. Tranter welcomed everyone and asked for approval of the previous meeting notes. The notes were approved.

K. McLaughlin presented a Project Performance Report on the status of existing projects. The REDC is moving forward on all projects. Project is seeking funds under the three categories of loan funds are coming in and it is expected that these projects will be awarded fund by late July or early August.

S. Payne reported on Strategic Plan progress against objectives. She presented the full Council with the Executive Committee recommendations for amendments to the Strategic Plan. The following action items were recommended to be added to the Council’s strategic objectives.

- Strategy #3. Health Care 2020
  - New Action Item: Development of Cutting Edge Technology
  - Strategy #4. Revitalize the Rural Farm- And Forest-based Economy

- New Action Item: Research and New Product Development
- Strategy #5. Economic Development Backbone
- New Action Item: Workforce Development
- New Action Item: Business and Technology Development

The recommendations were approved. S. Payne presented an overview of what appears to be the focus of 2012-13 CFA concept papers.

J. Sweet presented an update on the State Agency Resource Team (SART) and indicated that she would ask that agency contact names be submitted to all Council members.

T. Tranter provided an overview report from the last Executive Committee meeting.

K. McLaughlin summarized the pipeline in place to generate more projects for Consolidated Funding Applications and provided an overview of the public engagement strategy and activities undertaken this year.

A public comment period was held and one individual made comments: Tarik Abdelazim provided an update on the energy efficiency projects undertaken through the Green Jobs/Green NY initiative. NYSERDA recently reported that the Southern Tier leads the State in this. He asked that institutional members of the Council would consider obtaining and providing a commitment to help increase the demand for bio-fuel.

T. Tranter closed the meeting.

#### Decisions/Actions

The notes from the last Council meeting were approved.

The recommendations regarding Strategic Plan amendments were approved.

J. Sweet will generate a list of SART contacts and distribute those to Council members so they might contact agencies when necessary.

Next meeting:

- Date: September 4, 2012
- Time: 12:00 – 2:00
- Location: Binghamton University
- Agenda:
  - To be determined