

## Southern Tier Regional Council Meeting

### September 4, 2012

**Council Members Present:** Tom Tranter, 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, Donna Lupardo, Doug Barton, Kathryn Boor, Terry Kane (for Harvey Stenger), Lou Santoni, Scott Welliver, Steve Craig, Keith Baumann, James Johnson, Candace Vancko, Keith Baumann

**State Agency/Local Government Staff Present:** Ken Adams, JC Smith, Julie Sweet, Ken Lynch, Bob Furlani, Frank Surdey, Robin Alpaugh, Tim Grippen, Phil Giltner, Linda Hardie, Pam Eschbaugh, Kevin McLaughlin, Susan Payne, Tom Kowalik, Lori Heltoff, Tim Joseph, Joe Moody, Rochelle Layman, Jim Baumgartner, Omar Sanders, Ken Homer, Tarik Abdelazim, Elaine Miller, Andrew Kennedy, Steve Johnson

### **Reports/Discussions**

T. Tranter opened the meeting and welcomed all Council members, agency representatives and introduced elected officials. He asked members of the Council to introduce themselves. He then presented an overview of the meeting's agenda.

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

A. Kennedy presented an overview of the Statewide Regional Economic Development Council initiative, its impact and plans for 2013.

S. Payne presented an overview of the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council progress report. K. Baumann recommended highlighting the fact that 2300 jobs were saved at BAE and Amphenol through flood and disaster relief funds, despite the request that the Regional Progress Report respond to performance resulting from the 2011 CFA's. (See Decisions/Actions below.)

T. Tranter and K. Adams provided an overview of the Governor's Summit.

After a move to private session, Council members heard a summary of the Executive Committee Report on Priority Project Recommendations; held a discussion of Priority Projects; and discussed in detail the Progress Report to be submitted to Governor's Office.

After the Council resumed public session, further discussion of Priority Projects was held. An opportunity for public comment was offered. No members of the public made comments.

Council members voted on final Priority Projects and the Regional Progress Report. (See Decisions/Actions below.)

Under Other Business, K. McLaughlin explained how the State's Program Review Panel will visit each Region this year to assess progress, determine worthiness of priority projects, and to conduct program assessment. Last year Council Chairs traveled to Albany to present project plans. K. McLaughlin reported that once a preliminary agenda for the site visit was prepared, he would be sending it to Council members for suggestions and improvements.

T. Tranter closed the meeting.

#### **Decisions/Actions**

The notes from the last Council meeting were approved.

2012 Priority Projects were approved – list attached

The Regional Council Progress Report was approved, including suggestion by K. Baumann.

Next meeting:

- Date: TBD
- Time: TBD
- Location: Binghamton University
- Agenda:
  - To be determined

# Southern Tier Regional Council 2012 Priority Projects

Strategy 1: New Age Energy	
Binghamton University	Southern Tier High Technology Incubator
Bates Troy	Bates Troy Sustainability
Ithaca Electricians Apprenticeship	Ithaca Electricians JATC Green Training Center
Strategy 2: Transportation Industry Next Generation Technology & Advanced Manufacturing	
Corning Incorporated	Heavy Duty Diesel Plant Expansion
BAE Systems	Next Generation Energy Efficiency Technology
Strategy 3. Health Care 2020	
STREDC	Telemedicine and Mobile Technology Fund
Broome Community College	Radiologic Technology Equipment Upgrade
Weill Cornell Medical College	Cornell Medical Technology Innovation Center
Strategy 4. Revitalize the Rural Farm- And Forest-based Economy	
Cornell University	Cornell Greenhouse
Cornell University	FPDL Laboratory Expansion
STREDC	Rural Initiative Fund
Strategy 5. Economic Development Backbone – Community Revitalization	
STREDC	Community Revitalization Program
Chemung County IDA	Elmira Regional City Center
Watkins Brewery Holdings	Watkins Brewery
City of Ithaca	The Commons
TCAD	Lansing Sewer Infrastructure
L Enterprises, LLC	Emerson Complex Project
	ickbone – Business and Technology Development
Buck Manufacturing	Buck Manufacturing Equipment Acquisition
Endicott Interconnect Technologies	Advanced Microelectronics Manufacturing
The MARK Project	Small Business Development Fund
STREDC	Infrastructure Fund for Shovel Ready Sites
Strategy 5: Economic Development Backbone – Tourism and Waterfront Development	
Margaretville Lodging, LLC	Margaretville Best Western Hotel
Walton Arms	Castle
Schuyler County	Project Seneca