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LONG ISLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO PRESENT DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

Public is invited to comment on the draft plan and participate in two forums to help shape the Council's five-year economic development strategic plan

The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council today announced it has released its draft Strategic Plan online at <http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/long-island>. The Council used its vision statement and public input to guide in the creation of the draft plan. It includes an outline of the region's opportunities, issues, and strategies for regional economic development moving forward as well as action items to aid in the implementation of these strategies.

In addition, the Council will hold two forums to present their draft plan and give the public an opportunity to review and offer their input either in-person, online or by email to nys-longisland@empire.state.ny.us.

The public forums will be held:

Tuesday, November 1, 2011, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Brookhaven Town Hall
Auditorium, Second Floor
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY 11738

Directions: http://pb.state.ny.us/directions/directions_brookhaven_town.htm

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Molloy College
Multi-Purpose Room – Park Square Building
Rockville Centre Campus

1000 Hempstead Avenue
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

Directions: <http://www.molloy.edu/about-molloy/visiting-molloy/rockville-centre-campus>

The Council continues its work in developing a final, five-year strategic economic development plan for the Long Island Region. The Strategic Plan submission deadline is November 14.

Created by Governor Cuomo, the Regional Economic Development Councils represent a fundamental shift in the state's approach to economic development—from a top-down development model to a community-based approach that emphasizes regions' unique assets, harnesses local expertise, and empowers each region to set plans and priorities.

The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council is one of ten regional councils across New York that will serve as a single point of contact for economic activity in the region. Through their strategic planning process, the councils will identify and expedite priority projects that demonstrate the greatest potential for job growth. As part of the initiative, up to \$1 billion in state resources will be accessible to eligible economic development projects through existing program grants and tax credits.

Each regional council will develop a plan for the development of their region, which will provide a regional vision for economic development, address critical issues and opportunities, and lay out an implementation roadmap for future growth. The state will work with the regional councils to align state resources and policies, eliminate unnecessary barriers to growth and prosperity, and streamline the delivery of government services and programs to help the Regional Councils carry out their plans for development.

To learn more about the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council please visit <http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/long-island>. To learn more about each region and their economic development plans, visit www.nyworks.ny.gov.

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