
Two Years Later, State Support Has Helped New York Recover from Hurricane Sandy

Following the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, New Yorkers pulled together to help their communities recover, and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo deployed State resources to help the regions' businesses rebuild. This year, on the two year anniversary of the storm, the governor released a report detailing the progress made by New York State in building back better in the aftermath of the storm.

The report, which can be found [here](#), highlights a wide variety of steps taken by numerous state agencies, including advancements made in helping small businesses reopen and in the areas of housing, infrastructure and community reconstruction through the NY Rising program. For the full story, click [here](#).



Governor Cuomo highlights storm recovery on Staten Island

What New York State Can Do for You: New Farmers Grant Fund



Empire State Development is now accepting applications for the New Farmers Grant Fund, a \$614,000 fund created to assist new and early-stage farmers, encourage farming as a career path, and support the continued growth of agribusiness across New York.

The agriculture industry is a major economic driver in New York State, representing a \$53.7 billion industry and accounting for more than 200,000 jobs. For the full story, click [here](#).

Spotlight on Success: OneTouch Direct Hiring 150 Positions in Western New York

OneTouch Direct-NY, Inc. recently cut the ribbon on its new Orchard Park location and immediately began hiring for 150 positions, on its way to eventually hiring more than 270 employees in Western New York. New York State, through Empire State Development, will provide up to \$1.25 million in performance-based Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits in return for OneTouch Direct-NY's job creation commitments.

"Western New York boasts a talented workforce, advanced telecommunications infrastructure, and reasonably priced real estate for companies looking to relocate or expand," said Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Kenneth Adams. "OneTouch Direct recognizes these attributes and will begin hiring immediately for 150 new jobs in Orchard Park." For the full story, click [here](#).



OneTouch Direct's grand opening in Orchard Park.

New York Loves Film Roadshow Celebrates One Year Anniversary



Debut of the New York Loves Film Roadshow at the 2013 Woodstock Film Festival.

The New York State Governor's Office for Motion Picture & Television Development returned to the Woodstock Film Festival this month to present its New York Loves Film Roadshow, one year after launching the initiative at the same event.

"The New York Loves Film Roadshow was so popular last year we asked the Governor's Film Office to come back and do it again," said Meira Blaustein, co-founder and Executive Director of the Woodstock Film Festival. "Producers really appreciate the kind of direct, personal connection they get with the team from New York State that these workshops offer them. We're very pleased to have the Roadshow here again to be a part of the Woodstock Film Festival." For the full story, click [here](#).

Empire State Development Activities & Resources

ESD-related happenings around New York State that you can be a part of

Events:

- Calling all brewers and growers in the hops industry: Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Madison County will be hosting its [2014 Cornell Hops Conference](#) on December 6, 2014 at Morrisville State College in Morrisville, New York. ESD will present on New York State business development resources for the craft beverage industry. [Register here](#).

Resources:

- Earlier this month, the new NY.gov website launched, featuring easy-to-use one-stop pages that explain government services at a glance. Check out ESD's pages today and explore the new [NY.gov](#).



For the full list of events and resources, click [here](#).

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