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EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT APPROVES \$2.78 MILLION IN UPSTATE GRANTS AT BOARD MEETING

922 JOBS RETAINED AND 305 NEW JOBS COMING TO UPSTATE NEW YORK

Empire State Development (ESD) announced that six Upstate grants from the Economic Development Fund totaling more than \$2.78 million received formal approval at the Board of Directors Meeting held at the HealthNow New York Inc. offices in Buffalo on June 26.

Approved Economic Development Fund projects include grants that will leverage more than \$32 million in investment across New York and will result in the retention of 922 jobs and the pledge of 305 additional jobs. Grants presented for approval for the Upstate region included:

- Alstom Power, Allegany County – \$1,500,000
- Polymer Conversions, Erie County – \$325,000
- S.R. Sloan, Oneida County – \$175,000
- Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Erie County – \$350,000
- Wynit, Onondaga County – \$150,000
- American Customer Care, Chemung County – \$275,000

In other business conducted Thursday, the board also approved the following items affecting Upstate New York:

- Three Restore New York II Communities grants, totaling \$3,325,000:
 - \$525,000 to the City of Binghamton for the demolition of the Ross Building and related debris removal (Broome County)
 - \$800,000 to the Village of Endicott for the demolition of ten Endicott Forging buildings, related debris removal and site remediation (Broome County)
 - \$2 million to the City of Geneva for the renovation of seven downtown commercial buildings (Ontario County)
- Five Community Capital Assistance Program grants, totaling \$665,000:
 - \$250,000 to the Canton-Potsdam Hospital for IT infrastructure upgrades (St. Lawrence County)
 - \$100,000 to the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps for ambulance acquisition (Erie County)

- \$65,000 to the Lincoln Hill Neighborhood Association of a roundtop pavilion (Onondaga County)
- \$200,000 to the Marcellus Free Library (Onondaga County)
- \$50,000 to the Town of Eagle for highway equipment (Wyoming County)
- Five Aid to Localities grants, totaling \$812,500:
 - \$250,000 to the Catholic Family Center of Rochester (Monroe County)
 - \$17,500 to the Erie County Industrial Development Agency for Spaulding Composites capital (Erie County)
 - \$25,000 to the National Tool and Machine Association, Buffalo Chapter (Erie County)
 - 500,000 to the Seneca County Economic Development Corporation for Top Quality Hay Processors Capital (Seneca County)
 - \$20,000 to the Village of Livonia for Forest L. Vosler Veterans Memorial Park (Livingston County)
- In the consent calendar portion of the meeting, the directors authorized the following grants for ESD assistance of \$100,000 and under:
 - \$125,500 for productivity improvement projects:
 - \$25,000 to Distech Systems Inc. of Rochester (Monroe County)
 - \$40,000 to Fluid Power Corp. of Lancaster (Erie County)
 - \$40,000 to Northern Air Systems of Rochester (Monroe County)
 - \$20,500 to Philadelphia Furniture LLC of Salamanca (Cattaraugus County)
 - \$62,500 for an Urban and Community Development program grant to conduct a feasibility study at Artpark in Lewiston (Niagara County)
- One grant from the Urban and Community Project Development Assistance program, not to exceed \$250,000, was approved for a study to support the establishment of a Sloan Industry Center for Arts and Entertainment in Western New York, which will research issues that shape industry, from new technologies to workforce and competitiveness.
- In addition, there was one base retention project, \$200,000 to the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, which was approved and will be used for the Schenectady Military Affairs Council's mission in support of the Stratton Air National Guard Base and the headquarters of the 109th Airlift Wing.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will tentatively be held on July 17, 2008 at a location to be announced closer to the time of the event.

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