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## **EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT APPROVES \$67 MILLION IN UPSTATE GRANTS AT BOARD MEETING**

Empire State Development today announced that 25 Upstate New York grants totaling \$67 million received formal approval at the Board of Directors Meeting held in New York City on September 18.

Four Economic Development Fund projects, aimed at spurring economic growth, will leverage approximately \$27 million in investment across the Upstate region, resulting in the retention of 316 jobs and the pledge of 119 additional jobs. Upstate grants presented for approval included:

- Anaren, Inc., Onondaga County - \$500,000
- Alpla Inc., Cortland County - \$200,000
- Dynabrade Inc., Erie County - \$500,000
- Voss Manufacturing, Niagara County - \$300,000

In other business conducted Thursday, the board approved the following items supporting economic development in Upstate New York:

- Seven Restore New York Community grants, totaling \$15.7 million:
  - \$366,172 to the Village of Cambridge for reconstructing the historic Blacksmith's Shop (Washington County)
  - \$3.3 million to the City of Albany for demolition, removal of hazardous materials and construction at the Park South-New Scotland Corridor (Albany County)
  - \$150,000 to the Village of Bainbridge for demolition of the main Perry Builder's facility and the rehabilitation of an existing secondary structure for equipment storage (Chenango County)
  - \$2.3 million to the City of Elmira for rehabilitation costs at the West Water Street Redevelopment Project (Chemung County)
  - \$4.5 million to the City of Syracuse for renovation and rehabilitation costs associated with the City Center Core Revitalization Project (Onondaga County)
  - \$2.9 million to the City of Syracuse for demolition, reconstruction, renovation and conversion of a 28-acre site that will comprise the mixed-use Near West Initiative project (Onondaga County)
  - \$2,229,183 to the City of Utica for rehabilitation of the Stanley Theatre (Oneida County)
- One New York State Economic Development Assistance Program grant, totaling \$10 million, to the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation in Oneida County for costs associated with the development of the Marcy NanoCenter at SUNY-IT

- One Aid to Localities grant, totaling \$150,000, to World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara for salaries and wages associated with outreach and service efforts in the twelve-county Western New York and the Finger Lakes region
- Two Community Capital Assistance Program grants, totaling \$150,000:
  - \$100,000 to the High Peaks Education Foundation in Essex County
  - \$50,000 to the Livingston County Agricultural Society and Fair
- In the consent calendar portion of the meeting, the directors authorized the following competitiveness improvement grants, totaling \$365,900:
  - \$100,000 for Luvata Buffalo Inc. (Erie County)
  - \$50,000 for Erie County Industrial Development Agency (Erie County)
  - \$26,000 for Current Applications (Jefferson County)
  - \$34,200 for Exelco Developments Inc. (Chautauqua County)
  - \$50,000 for Graham Corporation (Genesee County)
  - \$40,000 for J.R. Clancy (Onondaga County)
  - \$40,000 for Nixon Gear Inc. (Onondaga County)
  - \$25,600 for Qualicoat Inc. (Monroe County)

The directors also authorized a \$14.28 million grant to Tokyo Electron Limited ("TEL") as part of an overall New York State commitment to provide up to \$100 million over a seven-year period to support joint TEL-Albany NanoTech research and development activities. To date, \$76.72 million has been approved for the project.

For the Midtown Plaza redevelopment project in Rochester, the board authorized ESD to enter into a contract with LiRo Engineers Inc. for construction management services. The board also amended an existing contract with LiRo Engineers Inc. by increasing it from \$75,000 to \$425,000. The contract provides for phase 2 Environmental Site ESA Services in preparation for the Midtown Plaza building demolition and disposal. The additional funds were added so that three buildings next to the site could be added to the original asbestos survey.

In one of the last items of business, the directors authorized the sale of 19.95 +/- acres of land at Radisson Community in Baldwinsville to Anheuser-Busch Inc. for \$239,400.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will tentatively be held on October 16, 2008 at a location to be announced closer to the time of the event.

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