PLEASE NOTE - We welcome public comment on the items on the following agenda. To ensure maximum opportunity for participation, speakers representing themselves may speak for up to 2 minutes each, and those representing groups may speak for up to 4 minutes (1 speaker per group). Speakers’ comments may address only items considered at today’s meeting. Materials relating to matters that are scheduled for discussion in open session will be available at the meeting and will be posted on ESD’s website prior to the meeting in accordance with the Public Officers Law

NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
d/b/a Empire State Development

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Meeting of the Directors
Thursday
September 18, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA

FOR CONSIDERATION

I. CORPORATE ACTION

A. Approval of Minutes of the August 27, 2014 Directors’ Meeting

II. DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS

NEW YORK CITY REGION

A. New York City – The Bridge to Success Loan Program – Minority and Women-Owned Business Development and Lending Program (Working Capital) – Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Sections 16-c and 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions

   A. Carver Bancorp – Bridge to Success (New York County) - $562,500

WESTERN NEW YORK REGION

B. Buffalo Billion Initiative – Buffalo (Western New York Region - Erie County) – Northland Capital - Buffalo Regional Innovation Cluster (Capital Grant) – Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Adopt the Proposed General Project Plan; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions ; Determination of No Significant Effect on the Environment
III. REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION

A. Regional Council Award – Priority Project- Syracuse (Central New York Region - Onondaga County) – Syracuse University Connective Corridor Façade Improvement Program Capital – Regional Council Capital Fund (Capital Grant) - Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions; Determination of No Significant Effect on the Environment

NORTH COUNTRY REGION

B. Regional Council Award – Priority Project – Lyons Falls (North Country Region – Lewis County) – Lewis County Development Corporation Lyons Falls Capital - Regional Council Capital Fund (Capital Grant) - Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Adopt the Proposed General Project Plan; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions

LONG ISLAND REGION

C. Regional Council Award – Stony Brook (Long Island Region – Suffolk County) – Stony Brook University Small Business Development Center Capital - Regional Council Capital Fund (Capital Grant) - Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Adopt the Proposed General Project Plan; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions

SOUTHERN TIER REGION

D. Regional Council Award – Priority Project Corning (Southern Tier Region - Steuben County) – Arbor Housing and Development Capital – Regional Council Capital Fund (Capital Grant) - Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Adopt the Proposed General Project Plan; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions

WESTERN NEW YORK REGION

E. Regional Council Award – Buffalo (Western New York Region – Erie County) – Buffalo Zoo Arctic Edge Capital – New York Works (Capital Grant) - Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Adopt the Proposed General Project Plan; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions
III. REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS – Continued

REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARD PROJECTS CONSENT CALENDAR

F. Regional Council Award Projects Consent Calendar - Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions

Regional Council Capital Fund
A. Strand Theatre Digital Conversion Capital (Herkimer County) - $25,000

NY WORKS AND REGIONAL COUNCIL CAPITAL FUND-CONNECT NY BROADBAND PROGRAM CONSENT CALENDAR

G. NY Works and Regional Council Capital Fund – Connect NY Broadband Program Consent Calendar – Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Act; Authorization to Adopt the Proposed General Project Plans; and Authorization to Make Grants and to Take Related Actions

Regional Council Capital Fund
A. MTC Wireless Broadband Expansion Project Phase II (Schoharie and Delaware Counties) - $320,520

NY Works
B. Ovid and Romulus Broadband Project (Seneca and Schuyler Counties) - $114,015

IV. NON-DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS

STATEWIDE - NEW YORK STATE NEW FARMERS GRANT FUND – LOCAL ASSISTANCE

A. Statewide – New York State New Farmers Grant Fund – Local Assistance – (Capital Grants for Beginning Farmers) – Authorization to Adopt Guidelines; Authorization to Make Grants; Delegation of Authority; Authorization to Take Related Actions

NON-DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS CONSENT CALENDAR

B. Non-Discretionary Projects Consent Calendar – Authorization to Adopt the General Project Plan; Authorization to Make Grants and to Take Related Actions

Local Assistance (Senate)
A. GLDC - Griffiss Air Force Base Redevelopment Capital (Oneida County) - $0
V. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

A. Land Bank – Approval of Land Bank Application and Authorization to Take All Related Actions

B. “New York is Open for Business”: Amendment to Contract with Full Service Advertising, Marketing, Branding, Media and Communications Agency for Continuation of Business Marketing Campaign – Authorization to Amend Contract with BBDO USA LLC; Authorization to Take Related Actions

VI. **INFORMATION**

A. Quarterly Report on Utilization of Certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBEs) and Procurement Commitments to MWBEs for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-2015

VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Procurement of Legal Services – Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Legal Services in Connection with Pending and Threatened Litigation