

MINUTES

***DUTCHESS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING***

Thursday, 8/6/09 7:45 a.m.
DCEDC, 3 Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Present: P. Calogerakis, D. Ping, J.C. Fouéré, E. Griffin, R. Higgins, L. Holfelder, K. Libolt, M. Tomkovitch, R. Savage, S. Wesley

Absent: R. Akeley, J. Bonura Jr., Dr. D. Conklin, S. Dahowski, A. DeDominicis, J. DeMarco, L. Morris, T. Petrillo, D. Tooker

Staff: J. Haylett, J. MacEnroe, C. Maloney

Chairman's Welcome

Paul Calogerakis called the regular meeting of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation Business Services Committee to order at 7:45 a.m.

Discussion:

- ◆ P. Calogerakis opened the meeting up for discussion about putting on an event to discuss the issue "Is energy deregulation good for business in NYS?"
- ◆ The decision was made by the committee that this should be a breakfast event, held in September or October from 7:30-9 a.m.
- ◆ A question was asked about how to promote this event. C. Maloney suggested talking to Tamara Watson about doing a press release and using email addresses the Marketing Department purchased from the Chambers.
- ◆ E. Griffin suggested that each panelist be given approximately 10 minutes to speak thereby minimizing the possibility for them to get off the topic.

Action:

- Contact the discussion panelists and pick a date.
- An update about the event will be given at the next BSC meeting.

Focus of Meeting – Guest Speaker

- ◆ Peter Prichard, Program Director, Center for Economic Growth (CEG), spoke about CEG's successful Chief Executive Network.
- ◆ The Chief Executive Network consists of mainly four groups of CEOs who convene to talk among themselves about their businesses and any issues they may have.
- ◆ CEG works primarily with manufacturing companies, but in order to be more competitive, they are mandated to work with small businesses. The four CEO groups that have been established to create an atmosphere of discussion among CEOs are: CEN (Chief Executive Network); CEO Connects; The Group; and Executive Roundtable. Because the needs and levels by which each group operates is different, there is no overlapping of CEOs that attended each group.

Action:

- P. Calogerakis asked C. Maloney to contact Tom Philips from Hudson Valley Technology Development Center to inquire if they have established any CEO Network groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 7:45 a.m.