

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY IDA

A Message from Corey Wiktor, Executive Director of the Cattaraugus County IDA for the week of June 8, 2020:

Western New York continues to meet the metrics established by Governor Cuomo for the various phases of the re-opening of our regional economy. As such, we are preparing to enter [phase 3](#) with a target date of June 16th.

Our partners and friends at [Cattaraugus County Economic Development](#) and the [Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce](#) have a number of coronavirus updates, including various resources to help businesses navigate through the economic challenges as a result of the pandemic.

Also this week, the Cattaraugus County IDA Board of Directors conducted its June board meeting and approved incentives for a \$3 million project by the Win-Sum Ski Corporation in Ellicottville, NY and a \$9 million solar project by Allegany CSG LLC in the town of Allegany. The Board also voted to accept an application for the proposed construction of another community-based commercial solar Installation in the Town of Allegany, NY which would result in a capital investment of \$5.9 million.

If knowledge is indeed power, then I want to refer you to various sites where you can learn more about the ever-changing environment that businesses are adjusting to during the pandemic, including:

The Buffalo Niagara Partnership has a video on its [website](#) that serves as a step by step guide to help with your understanding of New York State's COVID-19 Guidance and completion of a business safety plan.

Another [video](#) produced by the New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NYMEP) highlights the efforts of the manufacturing community to step up in helping the state meet its needs related to the production of personal protection equipment.

Our partners at Hodgson Russ issued an [alert](#) that provides Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) with some guidance as it pertains to conducting agency business and requirements for open meetings. Many of the Governor's executive orders in response to COVID-19 directly impact IDAs. I would encourage you to review the alert so that you are aware and following these requirements.

The New York State Office of Technology Services in conducting a webinar on Friday, June 12th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the [New York State Forward Loan Fund](#) which is providing low-interest working capital loans for small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords of up to \$100,000. If you are interested in participating in the webinar you can register [here](#).

Finally, New York State has partnered with Cornell University to administer a competition initiative in the agricultural sector. [Grow-NY](#) will provide funding, mentorship, business development support, and other key resources to leading food and ag startups. A total of \$3 million in prizes will be awarded this year to seven startups. You must create a user name and password to [log-in](#) to access the application.

That's it for the week of June 8th. Remember, stay positive, stay healthy and stay safe!

Corey