

Dear Community Stakeholder,

To help prepare and guide prospective applications for the upcoming 2019 Regional Council Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), the WNY Regional Economic Development Council and ESD will once again be accepting Letters of Interest (LOI) and area pleased to advise the process is now open for submissions. Through soliciting LOIs we seek to identify prospective projects early in the year that can be developed over the next few months and, as a result, be of a higher quality. The Letter of Interest is optional and voluntary; it is not a required step in the application process and does not guarantee funding. As a LOI is received by the Regional Council, staff from the WNY ESD office will contact the applicants to discuss projects and provide technical assistance.

To complete and submit an online Letter of Interest form for your project, go to:
<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/western-new-york>

In addition, ESD will be holding information sessions ("ESD on the Road") to hear from applicants on their prospective project ideas and issues in their community that may be developed into project applications. The WNYREDC encourages businesses, educational institutions, local governments, not-for-profit groups and other stakeholders to attend a session at one of the following dates and locations:

- **Wednesday, February 13 - Chautauqua County; 10am – 12pm**
The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts
Jamestown, New York
- **Wednesday, February 20 - Erie County; 10am-12pm**
Village of Springville Public Safety Complex
Springville, New York
- **Wednesday, February 27 - Allegany County; 11am-1pm**
Allegany County Industrial Development Agency
Belmont, New York
- **Wednesday, March 6 - Niagara County; 10am-12pm**
Lockport Municipal Building
Lockport, New York
- **Wednesday, March 13 - Cattaraugus County; 10am-12pm**
Olean Business Development
Olean, New York

Learn more about each stop and RSVP at <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/western-new-york>

For questions pertaining to the LOI and/or the ESD on the Road, please contact Mo Sumbundu at 716-846-8347 or Mo.Sumbundu@esd.ny.gov.

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