

chairman's message

Winter 2017

Every resident of Columbia County has a stake in getting Economic Development right.

New or expanding businesses create jobs, enlarge the tax base, make for more vital communities, and bring a host of related benefits in their wake.

At the same time, it is important that development activities are consistent with the values and attractions that make Columbia County a special place to live, work and play.

As the lead Economic Development agency for Columbia County, CEDC has a lot to do:

- To assure the infrastructure is in place to attract the growth most compatible with the county's ambitions;
- To coordinate economic growth with the desires of the county's many localities;
- To provide a varied menu of programs and services that support growth via pre-approved sites, loans, grants, and shared expertise;
- To connect old and new businesses in ways that strengthen both;
- To help businesses of all sizes and sectors communicate about their common problems and opportunities; and
- To facilitate and enlarge the discussion about what future we most want to bring to Columbia County.

It is an important conversation—and one that benefits greatly from collaborative participation.

I invite you to join it by becoming a Member of CEDC.

Sincerely,

Tony Jones, Roe Jan Independent Publishing Co., Inc.
CEDC Board Chair

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Our Mission

The Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) mission is to strengthen the area's tax base through economic development and job creation, assist businesses to locate and expand within the County, and promote Columbia County as a premier place for both business investment and personal opportunity.

CEDC Programs & Services

- providing SBA microloans, one-on-one technical assistance and business training through our MicroBusiness program;
- providing low-interest loans to businesses creating jobs in Columbia County;
- providing current, comprehensive market information about Columbia County and the region;
- identifying county office space or site options for businesses with start-up, relocation or expansion needs;
- offering business development assistance and acting as a liaison between businesses and the county and state government agencies;
- assisting company expansion operations by providing information and answering inquiries about county zoning, taxes and other issues critical to doing business;
- providing opportunities for economic discussions through CEDC roundtables, meetings and events;
- promoting the County as an ideal place to live, work and raise a family.

Sustaining Membership \$2,500

Business profile on website
Logo on website
Literature at CEDC events
Seat on Advisory Council
Invite & Voting privilege at Annual Meeting
Link from CEDC website
Listing in Annual Report

Full Membership *\$750

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Associate Membership *\$250

Offered to Individuals, Non-Profits and Small Retail

Invite & voting privilege at Annual Meeting
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MicroBiz Membership \$125

Offered to CEDC MicroBusiness Graduates

Invite & voting privilege at Annual Meeting
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* CEDC offers \$100 off these membership levels to members of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.



Columbia Economic Development Corporation Membership Application

Business Name _____

Member Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Web Site _____

Yes, I want to play a role in making Columbia County a better place to live, work and play.
I pledge my support to CEDC at the following level:

- Sustaining Membership (\$2,500)
- Full Membership (\$750)
- Associate Membership (\$250)
- MicroBiz Membership (\$125)

I am a Chamber business member.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to CEDC and mail with this form to:

Columbia Economic Development Corporation
4303 Route 9
Hudson, New York 12534

Thank you.