

# CEO/PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE UCEDA BOARD

## **Board Meeting – April 21, 2025**

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Below find highlights of UCEDA's activities for the first quarter of 2025.

- 1) Budget: The FY2025 budget of \$252,000 was approved and is balanced. \$250,000 (99%) of budgeted revenues are dependent on the payment of fees from i.Park 87 LLC/ National Resources.
- **2) Professional Services:** Bonadio & Co., LLP Management Consulting Services presented their findings and recommendations to the Governance Committee. <u>See summary matrix</u>.
- Scope of work:
  - ✓ Review organizational structure and governance model and make recommendations of improving organizational performance and health by enhancing structures, processes, and ways of working, including culture change.
  - Perform an internal risk management assessment including a review existing procedures and policies (available on the website) and provide guidance on procedures to solidify and expand internal controls.
  - ✓ Draft internal compliance strategy for UCEDA. Strategy is intended to ensure UCEDA adheres to all relevant laws, regulations, contractual requirements, and internal policies.
  - ✓ Perform a benchmarking assessment identifying other peer organizations and reviewing structure, staffing and procurement guidelines.
  - ✓ Review processes for measurement and evaluation of program initiatives.
  - Review development and implementation of initiatives (strategy, execution, operational support and stakeholder engagement).
  - ✓ Identify any training needs for staff or board members.

## 3) Ulster County Revolving Loan Fund

- Revolving loan fund balances have been consolidated in one account and retitled to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance
- 4) i.Park 87 LLC: <u>UCEDA / IPark 87 LLC Lease Termination Mutual General Release agreement</u> executed on February 7, 2025.

#### **LOOKING FORWARD**

Below find a listing of action items for 2025

#### Annual Meeting - May 2025

Appointment of Board Members | Committees

## **Governance and Compliance:**

Review and update bylaws to ensure they are current and align with best practices, particularly regarding board training, corporate officer roles, and personnel/professional service contracts.

## **Community Partnerships:**

Collaborate with Ulster County Economic Development Department and SUNY New Paltz to plan and execute an Ulster County Business Summit.

## **Public Relations and Marketing:**

Update the UCEDA web page to provide accurate and up-to-date information about the organization's services and programs.

Respectively submitted to the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance on April 21, 2025

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