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**Memorandum**

**To: Co-Chairs Clyde Burmaster & Barry Weinstein, MD**  
**From: Government Affairs Subcommittee Chair Peter McMahon**  
**Re: November 2004 meeting**  
**Date: December 3, 2004**

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The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Government Affairs Subcommittee met November 3, 2004 at the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth. Present for the meeting were subcommittee members McMahon, Allen, Anello, Ellis, Meal, Weinstein, and Sheffer, as well as ENRP member Samuel Ferraro, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise Chairman Jerry Murphy, and Paul Belanger of the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth.

**Regional Economic Development Outreach:**

Approval was granted at the May 21 general meeting to organize an educational forum in conjunction with the Buffalo Niagara Enterprise on the BNE's role in economic development, the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS), the county IDAs, and ENRP, the Regional Economic Development Database and Site Finder; all presented in the context of the economic development process for the region.

The presentation will begin with a brief overview of ENRP and its current efforts, then focus on the region's economic development strengths, challenges, efforts, and successes. It will conclude by calling on municipal officials to become involved in the process, and give them examples of how to do so. The presentation will be slightly altered to reflect each county, as separate presentations will be made in Niagara and Erie. The target dates are early 2005.

In conjunction with the presentation, a handout will be developed that includes all the pertinent contact information and specific opportunities for municipal involvement in the regional economic development process. We will also offer multiple options for feedback, and will look to tape the events for broadcast.