The Economic Benefits of Climate Action – November 26-28, 2007 Pocantico Conference Center, Pocantico Hills N.Y.

Agenda

Monday, November 26

5:00pm	Arrival and Check-in	
6:00	Cocktails	
7:00	Dinner in the Coach Barn Welcome and Introductions	
8:30	Remarks and Discussion Phil Angelides, Chair, The Apollo Alliance	

Tuesday, November 27

7:30am	Breakfast
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9:00 **Setting The Context.** Bill Clinton says that creating the low

carbon economy will be the greatest boon to the U.S. economy since we mobilized for World War II. Commissioner Salzman of Portland (Oregon) says climate change has proven to be the best economic development strategy the city of Portland has ever found. These comments differ considerably from the more gloomy assessments that populate the policy debate in Washington, DC.

This morning we will take several hours to listen and react to brief presentations about the real world experience of cities, states, and businesses that are addressing climate change. What we learn will help set up our conversations during the rest of the conference.

10:30-10:45 **Morning Break**

12:00pm Lunch in the Coach Barn

1:30 **Taking Advantage of the Opportunity.** Playing off the morning

discussion we will consider several related questions during the afternoon: Is there an opportunity for localities and states to advance their economic interests by pursuing smart energy and climate polices? What experiences have others in the room had in this regard? What are the elements of a successful economic development strategy that also tackles reducing greenhouse gas

emissions? What is the best way for economic development professionals and their policymaker clients to articulate and pitch such a direction to the rest of the economic development community and to the general public? What gaps in our knowledge exist that if filled would strengthen the case for taking such an approach in a city or a state or nationally?

3:00-3:15 Afternoon Break

6:00 Dinner in the Coach Barn

7:30 "Climate Prosperity Strategy" Simulation Exercise

in the Hayloft

Wednesday November 28

7:30am **Breakfast in Coach Barn.**

9:00am **Next Steps.** This morning, we'd like to think about how we get

the word out to the broader community of economic development professionals and also to policymakers. How can we get good case study material and other communications to target

communities? How do we connect these ideas as well with the climate policy community? How do we make economic

development a central tenet of climate policy making? How do we

make climate policy an accepted strategy for economic

development professionals? What other directions and ideas should

we be considering? Help us formulate nationwide policy research and program action agendas, together with immediate and

long-term implementation strategies.

10:30-10:45 **Morning Break**

12:00pm Lunch in Coach Barn.

1:00 **Optional Tour of Kykuit**

3:00 **Depart Pocantico** by taxi for Tarrytown Station, or directly to

airports.