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BROOKS ANNOUNCES COMIDA REFORM TO EXPAND LOCAL LABOR AREA

New labor area will now incorporate several neighboring communities

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) will expand the definition of its local labor requirement to include workers residing in Seneca, Wyoming, and Yates counties.

Prior to this change, COMIDA-approved construction projects had required that local laborers working on the site must reside in the six county region of Monroe, Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Ontario, and Wayne counties. By including Seneca, Wyoming, and Yates counties in the new expanded zone, COMIDA has extended local labor eligibility to all workers living in the nine county Finger Lakes Region.

“Monroe County is fully committed to growing our local economy and creating good-paying jobs for our community, and COMIDA is both an outstanding resource and a great partner in this effort,” said **Brooks**. *“It has been a source of pride for our community that COMIDA projects are required to utilize our local workforce. By expanding the definition of our local labor area, we will be able to provide greater employment opportunities for workers living in our area and throughout the Finger Lakes Region.”*

Board Member Eugene Caccamise first proposed the expansion of the local labor pool to COMIDA. Caccamise, a local labor advocate, is Business Manager for Bricklayers Local 3 and was appointed by County Executive Brooks to serve on the COMIDA Board in July of 2008.

“I have long believed that local workers should benefit from development opportunities in our area,” said Caccamise. *“As COMIDA becomes more focused on the importance of promoting our entire region, it is important that workers from Seneca, Wyoming, and Yates Counties should be considered part of the local labor area. Many of the outstanding workers who regularly commute to Monroe County for work live in those three counties.”*

The next meeting of the COMIDA Board is scheduled to take place at noon today where they are expected to adopt the local labor area expansion proposed by Caccamise.

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