



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

New Online Survey Seeks Job Growth Ideas

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ONEONTA, 08/25/11 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) today announced the launch of a new online survey, [“The Next Steps to a Stronger Economy,”](#) designed to gather public input on economic development initiatives to further private sector job growth.

“New York is faced with major economic challenges and I am tackling them head on,” said Senator Seward. “During this year’s legislative session I worked in partnership with Governor Cuomo and my senate colleagues to cut state spending, hold the line on taxes and put forward constructive job creating incentives. There is still a great deal of work to do and I want to ensure that everyone has

an opportunity to offer input.”

The special section of Senator Seward's [website](#) includes an online poll calling on respondents to prioritize the next steps needed to enhance job creation in New York state.

The job creating priorities listed for ranking are:

- Keep cutting taxes;
- Invest more in public education;
- Reduce government mandates and regulations;
- Give direct tax credits to small business;
- Invest more in local highways, roads and bridges;
- Reduce government spending.

The public can also weigh in with specific thoughts and suggestions with an eye toward private sector job growth and statewide economic improvement.

“The regional economic development councils, currently meeting, are among the tools being used to further strengthen our state’s job growth potential. I am taking an active role in the council meetings and am eager to share any inventive suggestions from the public. My online survey is a perfect tool to gather ideas that may otherwise never be presented to the councils,” Seward added.

In the past, Seward has utilized other online initiatives to develop budget cutting suggestions, generate support for the property tax cap and defeat a plan to force a mandatory license plate replacement program.

“A renewed spirit of cooperation in Albany, coupled with a heavy emphasis on economic development, has New York headed in the right direction. Further strides must be made and each and every New Yorker has a stake in a stronger state economy. Enlisting public help through this online effort will ensure every quality idea is brought to the table and aid in creating a better performing Empire State,” Seward concluded.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE SURVEY.](#)

