



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.](#)

