

# Delaware CEDS

*a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy  
for the State of Delaware*



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## **NEW CASTLE REGION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

January 18, 2006

3:00–9:00 p.m.

WILMAPCO, Newark

**Committee Members Present:** Brett Sadler (co-chair), Richelle Vible (co-chair), Paul Frese (for Chris Coons), Burt Samuelson (for Tigest Zegeye), Terry Hasson, Guillermina Gonzalez-Sobrero

**CEDS Support Staff:** Ron Whittington (facilitator), Marcia Scott (IPA), Bernard Dworsky (IPA), Cori Burbach (IPA)

**DEDO Staff Present:** Joy Oliver

**Number of Public Participants Present:** 2

Richelle Vible opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. She and Brett Sadler began by reviewing the CEDS process to date and a December meeting of DEDO Director Judy Cherry and CEDS Committee co-chairs.

Ron Whittington facilitated discussion and finalization of the Goals and Objectives Table. The committee agreed on additions and edits to the “What,” “Who,” “How,” and “How will you know” sections of the table. IPA staff took note of all agreed-upon changes.

Marcia Scott continued the meeting by reviewing the two-fold CEDS Action Plan Blueprint. She summarized the project proposal process and the scoring method that IPA staff had used to evaluate the submitted proposals. The committee then reviewed the proposals submitted from New Castle County and ranked them based on the numerical scores IPA had assigned them.

Following the ranking, Marcia gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Delaware’s status in the New Economy. The presentation reviewed the goals of the New Castle County CEDS Committee, current initiatives that the state is undertaking to stay competitive in the New Economy, Delaware’s ranking in the New Economy relative to other states, and strategies that other states have undertaken to stay competitive. Committee members then discussed strategies and activities that Delaware could adopt to become more competitive. IPA staff made note of the following ideas discussed:

- One-stop website (add to DEDO’s site?)
- Broadband connections – reach all of Delaware (residents/businesses) affordably
- Secondary education – incentives to keep high school students in school
- Alternative-energy demonstration

IPA staff will also research where Delaware teacher salaries rank in the country and report back to the committee. To conclude the meeting, Ron informed the committee of the County and State Committees’ plan to move forward as well as several planned public workshops. The committee discussed several possibilities for public-workshop dates and locations.