One Region Forward is a broad-based collaborative region-wide effort to create a practical roadmap to build a more sustainable economy, environment, and community in Buffalo Niagara. To guide this effort, we will bring together local elected officials, businesses, other stakeholder groups, and citizens at-large to move our region towards a more prosperous and sustainable future.

Our business community must play a leading role.

Because leaders of our business and development community play such a crucial role in the development and vibrancy of our region, One Region Forward will need to reflect the needs of our diverse private sector community.

That’s why we are convening a Private Sector Council to bring together leaders of local chambers of commerce and the development community to guide the development of One Region Forward.

RSVP to the 1RF Private Sector Council by November 5, 2012. Please contact Matt Hartrich at the Buffalo Niagara Partnership at (716) 541-1716 or mhartrich@thepartnership.org.

Meeting #1: November 14, 2012
8:00 – 9:30 AM
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Buffalo, NY
Light breakfast will be served.

Please join us at our introductory meeting. We are asking for a commitment that is focused but limited – three more meetings throughout 2013 and 2014.

The One Region Forward Private Sector Council will:

Provide input and feedback on where we want to go as a region.
We share an emerging vision for the future of our region, expressed in the priorities established in every municipality’s comprehensive plan and in larger regional documents like the Framework for Regional Growth and the WNY Regional Economic Development Council’s 2011 plan A Strategy For Prosperity. A draft of this shared vision will be presented to the Private Sector Council for feedback prior to its presentation to the general public in January 2013.

Tell us what’s working in our region and things that could help.
One Region Forward will work to create tools that help us all to make smarter, more efficient decisions. Members of the Private Sector Council will be asked to tell us what types of resources – online tools, capacity building opportunities, and technical assistance – would best assist you in your business practices.

Tell us how we can better coordinate efforts as a region.
Working together, we can create a more prosperous and livable Buffalo Niagara. This will require us to identify the actions and resources needed to realize a sustainable future for our community. Through participation in the Private Sector Council, you will have the opportunity to shape these recommendations.

To learn more about One Region Forward, please visit us at www.oneregionforward.org.

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