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Managing New York's New Fiscal Reality



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**June 20, 2012 • Genesee Grande Hotel, Syracuse, New York**

**Overview**

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<b>8:00 – 9:00 a.m.</b>	Registration and Continental Breakfast
<b>9:00 – 10:00 a.m.</b>	Welcome and Opening Keynote Address
<b>10:00 – 10:15 a.m.</b>	Break
<b>10:15 – 12:00 p.m.</b>	Plenary on The State of Upstate Cities
<b>12:00 – 1:30 p.m.</b>	Keynote Address and Lunch
<b>1:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	Plenary on Strategies for Sustaining Fiscal Health Under a Tax Cap
<b>3:30 – 4:00 p.m.</b>	Closing Remarks/ Cornell University Focus Group on Shared Services

# Managing New York's New Fiscal Reality



8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast



9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Keynote Address

## Welcoming Remarks

Ronald L. Seeber, Cornell University Senior Vice Provost

## Opening Keynote

Thomas P. DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller

## Remarks

Robert M. Simpson, President & CEO of CenterState CEO



10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break



10:15 – 12:00 p.m.

Plenary on The State of Upstate Cities

## The State of Upstate Cities: Why All Local Governments Need to Be Concerned With the Financial Condition of Urban Centers

In this session, city officials and researchers will discuss the fiscal state of upstate cities and how the declining financial condition impacts the region. Local government and school district officials will share the importance of ensuring that urban centers remain financially stable and what they are doing to improve the financial condition of the region as a whole.

### Panelists:

1. **Mayor Stephanie Miner**, City of Syracuse
2. **Mayor Syvante Myrick**, City of Ithaca
3. **Edward Michalenko, PhD.**, Supervisor, Town of Dewitt
4. **Dr. Susan Christopherson**, Professor, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

### Panel Moderator:

**Andrew A. SanFilippo**, Executive Deputy Comptroller, Office of State and Local Government Accountability, New York State Office of the State Comptroller

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12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Keynote Address and Lunch

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Peggy J. Wozniak, Superintendent, Binghamton City School District



1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Plenary on Strategies for Sustaining Fiscal Health Under a Tax Cap

## Strategies for Sustaining Fiscal Health Under a Tax Cap

In this session, panelists will share vision and strategies for sustaining fiscal health in the absence of significant mandate relief or additional State assistance under the new property tax cap. The session will focus on strategies to grow the tax base through economic development.

### Panelists:

1. **Steven G. Hyde**, President and CEO, Genesee County Economic Development Center
2. **Caroline Williams**, Rural & Community Development, Cornell Cooperative Extension Oneida County
3. **Dr. John Sipple**, Associate Professor, Development Sociology, Center for Rural Schools, Cornell University

### Panel Moderator:

Dr. Mildred Warner, Professor, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University



3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks/  
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