NYS Policy, Initiatives, Trends & Directions: An Albany Perspective

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New Sheriff in Town (Governor Cuomo)

- Campaigned on
  - cleaning up Albany
  - making Albany work again
  - tackling the budget deficit
- Passed an on-time budget
- Pushing ethics reform
- Enjoying strong public support
What He Wants to Do

Pundits hint of his ‘flight-path’
1. Get NYS fiscal house in order
2. Make Albany functional
3. Improve NYS economy
4. Get re-elected in 2014

What He Wants to Do

• Reorganize how public services provided to citizens:
  – New fiscal reality of reduced revenues
  – Consolidate, coordinate and eliminate duplication at state agencies
  – Encourage local government consolidation, partnerships and shared-services
    • Local organizations—more effective/efficient
What He Wants to Do

• Boost upstate economy
  – ESDC regional councils
  – Rural development director
  – Encourage local foods/markets
  – Dairy processing expansion
  – Shale gas development
  – Alternative energy/energy infrastructure

What He Wants to Do

• NYS Food Policy Council
  – One of the first Exec. Orders signed
  – Will utilize to push NY priorities at Federal level (Farm Bill)
  – Food deserts, childhood obesity and school nutrition programs