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Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Irwin L. Davis as Senior Associate for Economic Development with Cornell University. Mr. Davis will be affiliated with Cornell's Community and Rural Development Institute (CaRDI).

Mr. Davis will represent Cornell University as our institution works with the Pipeline 4 Progress (P4P) regional initiative which has a central focus on workforce development (<http://p4pnetwork.com/>). This will involve working collaboratively with Three Rivers Development, P4P staff and Leadership Team, Cornell's Economic Development Administration University Center, and CaRDI.

In his capacity as Senior Associate for Economic Development, Mr. Davis will act as an advisor to the P4P Executive Board and will be involved with internship and industry-oriented initiatives. He will also provide input into the building of a regional entrepreneurial climate.

Mr. Davis has been involved in planning and economic development programs in the Central Upstate New York region for 40 years. He is known for his work to foster public-private collaborations.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and completed his graduate studies in Urban Development and Public Administration at American University.

He served as president and CEO of the Metropolitan Development Association of Syracuse and Central New York for 32 years. In January 2009 he assumed the role of president and CEO of the Metropolitan Foundation, a 501(c)3 public foundation that serves as the MDA's vehicle for the funding and implementation of projects of importance to the region.

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