

Commission on the Future of Economic Development

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please provide responses in the format below and send back to Glenn McRae by January 23 so they can be compiled before the next meeting. Especially for #1 if there is not an easy answer indicate either where we should get the information or what framework we need to apply to work with the information.

- 1) DEFINE 'THE VERMONT ECONOMY' AS IT EXISTS TODAY AND IDENTIFY CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND EXTERNALITIES THAT INFLUENCE, OR ARE INFLUENCED BY, THE VERMONT ECONOMY

What are the key components of today's Vermont economy?	
What are Vermont's economic development strengths, and what are our points of strategic leverage?	
What are Vermont's economic development weaknesses or challenges?	
In what areas or circumstances do Vermont's economy and economic development policy appear to be successful, and why?	
Conversely, in what areas or circumstances do Vermont's economy and economic development policy appear to have been less successful or unsuccessful, and why?	
What are the key public policies and values that affect, and are affected by, the Vermont economy?	
How do we (or, do we) currently measure the outcomes of the Vermont economy and our public policies and values?	

2) DEVELOP A VISION OF THE VERMONT ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE, AND IDENTIFY ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND EXTERNALITIES THAT WILL INFLUENCE, OR WILL BE INFLUENCED BY, THE VERMONT ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE

<p>What will be Vermont's the top strategic leverage points (sectors of current and future comparative advantage) where the investment of limited public resources or changes in public policies will make the greatest difference in achieving our goals?</p>	
<p>What will be the key components of a realistic, attainable and sustainable Vermont economy of five years, ten years and 15 years from now?</p>	
<p>Will Vermont's existing economic development strengths, policies and points of strategic leverage enable us to attain the Vermont economy of the future?</p>	
<p>What components of Vermont's public policies that affect economic development currently work well and should be retained and reinforced to attain the Vermont economy of the future?</p>	
<p>What weaknesses or challenges currently exist in Vermont's public policies that affect economic development that will need to be addressed if we are to attain the Vermont economy of the future?</p>	
<p>What changes to existing public policies or initiatives, or new public policies or initiatives, will be necessary to attain the Vermont economy of the future?</p>	