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Hyde Points to Continued Employment Strength in the Batavia Micropolitan Area / Genesee County

Batavia, NY... “The Batavia Micropolitan / Genesee County area in Upstate NY continues to experience strong economic growth,” said Genesee County Economic Development Center President & CEO Steven Hyde. Key employment data including the area unemployment rate as well as levels of employed and unemployed, recently released from the New York State Department of Labor, all indicate the economic outlook for the Batavia Micropolitan Area / Genesee County remains strong.

“Our community wide economic development partnership, focused on strengthening our local economy and improving the quality of life in Genesee County, continues to show signs of success, as the employment data from the state department of labor illustrates,” said GCEDC President Hyde. “Genesee County and the Batavia Micropolitan Area ranked tied for 2nd in terms of the lowest unemployment rate for the 17 counties identified as part of the Buffalo-Niagara and Rochester Finger lakes regions of Upstate NY. That is an impressive indicator of the continued success of our economic development programs.”

Key Economic Data include the following statistics:

- **May 2007 Genesee County Unemployment Rate @ 3.8%**
Down from 4.2% a year ago
- New York State Department of Labor Bureau of Statistics, June 2007
- **Unemployed Workers decreased by 7% year over year from 1,400 to 1,300**
- New York State Department of Labor Bureau of Statistics, June 2007
- **Genesee County / Batavia Micropolitan Unemployment Rate Outperforms improving State and National Unemployment statistics**
New York State Unemployment rate of 4.1% and the United States national rate of 4.3%.
- New York State Department of Labor Bureau of Statistics, June 2007

“We are pleased about the continued improvement reflected in the statistics regarding the region and the Genesee County / Batavia Micropolitan Area, but we are not satisfied to rest on our to date achievements. We have more work to do. We will continue to focus, with our county and local municipal partners, on making the necessary infrastructural investments as well as providing an aggressive posture towards supporting the attraction of new businesses and expansion of our existing base of business in order to further develop the economic and jobs base of Genesee County and the Batavia Micropolitan Area for the long term to ensure a high quality of life for the residents of our community,” concluded GCEDC President & CEO Steven Hyde.