



**New York State Commission on
Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness
Hearing Announcement**

Wednesday, November 28, 2007, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Bear Mountain Inn and Conference Center – Overlook Lodge
Bear Mountain, New York

SUBJECT: Successful strategies to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of local government entities in New York State, including counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, other special districts and local public authorities.

PURPOSE: This hearing will examine approaches to local government efficiency issues including merger, consolidation, regionalized government, shared services and smart growth. This is the last in a series of hearings that the Commission has held across the State.

The hearing will consist of testimony from organizations and individuals with an interest in local government efficiency and competitiveness. Time will be available for testimony and responses from the audience. No pre-registration is required, and time constraints may not permit an opportunity for all to testify. However, all persons will have the opportunity to submit written testimony.

TESTIMONY: The Commission encourages testimony to be submitted prior to the hearing via e-mail to localgov@empire.state.ny.us. Testimony will be accepted from both persons in attendance and those unable to attend. Testimony received will be shared with Commission members and will be posted on the Commission's website. Testimony should be directed to:

- The most effective means for achieving the Commission's goals of improving local government efficiency and competitiveness.
- Strategies for advancing merger and consolidation of outdated local boundaries and structures.
- New approaches for service sharing, including local initiatives and changes in state law and assistance programs.
- Effective models for regional government, including methods of promoting smart growth and regional economic development.

WEBCAST: A webcast of the proceedings will be available after the hearing on the Commission website at www.nyslocalgov.org.

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