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**MORE PROVEN LEADERSHIP EXPANDING SARATOGA ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD**

*Prominent Local Business Community Leaders From Malta Development & Curtis  
Lumber Added to Support Advance Saratoga Opportunities*

**Saratoga Springs, NY** -- Building on its legacy and gearing up for the future to promote, retain and grow opportunities across Saratoga County and the Capital Region, Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) announced new talent joining its Board of Directors. Tom Samascott, President of Malta Development Co., Inc. and Douglas Ford, Vice President of Sales & Operations for Curtis Lumber Company, Inc. were approved as Board Directors starting new terms in 2017. SEDC now has 11 Board Directors and is conducting an annual investor-member wide meeting spotlighting its recent track record and plans for 2017 to 2020. It will center around continuing its [Advance Saratoga](#) initiatives to attract \$15 billion in new investment and retain or grow over 10,000 jobs.

“We continue focusing on our strategic initiatives to promote business investment, job retention and growth in Saratoga County and now, more than ever, talent attracts talent,” said Dennis Brobston, President of SEDC. “We are honored to have proven leaders in business with a strong sense of community adding to the talent already present on our Board, across our invested membership and throughout the county and capital region. Their engagement will help our Advance Saratoga initiatives to aggressively promote Saratoga as a place to invest, to pursue entrepreneurial opportunity and to develop and attract world-class talent. Our future is bright and we couldn’t be happier to have Tom and Doug adding to our capabilities.”

“As a homegrown business that expanded across northern New York, we have faced the myriad challenges presented to small, medium and larger businesses,” said Douglas Ford of Curtis Lumber Company. “SEDC has stayed true to the mission to make the region enticing for mature and new businesses to do what they do best and realize growth opportunities. We need this private led vision and direction to be prepared to overcome challenges to growth and support the risks businesses take that

create the good paying jobs and community investment making this such a great area to live.”

“Malta in 1988 was not like the Malta and Saratoga County we see developing today,” said Tom Samascott of Malta Development. “Adapting, innovating and being responsible stewards of our rights and communities are critical challenges. SEDC has proven itself willing to challenge its thinking and renew its commitment to the future. We have a legacy of success that can breed more success. But we must be mindful of enlisting viewpoints from across the region, industry sectors, community leaders and experienced experts to be prepared for the next generation. I’m excited to be at the table engaging with an energized team ready to tackle these challenges to keep advancing opportunity across our varied communities.”

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***About Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC)***

SEDC is a fully private investor led, non-profit consulting firm established in 1978 that works to retain existing businesses, while stimulating new investment to create more jobs in Saratoga County and the Capital Region of New York. SEDC is the premier economic development agency in Saratoga County and its mission is to create jobs, diversify the tax base and improve the quality of life for residents. SEDC accomplishes this through the retention of existing business, attraction of new industry, and improvement of overall competitiveness. For nearly four decades SEDC has been instrumental and continues to work with over 300 employers like Ball Metal Container, QUAD/Graphics, State Farm Insurance, Target and Ace Hardware distribution warehouses and the development of the Luther Forest Technology Campus (LFTC) which lead to the attraction of GlobalFoundries. In its history, SEDC has worked to bring over 17,500 jobs to Saratoga County and over \$14 billion in capital investment. Just this year, SEDC has helped stimulate over \$50M in new investment creating over 426 jobs, retaining 201 jobs and generating over \$23 million in local employee wages per year.