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**Watertown, NY** – The NYS Tug Hill Commission will hold its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Local Government Conference at the Turning Stone Event Center on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from 8:45 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Attendance at the 2022 conference will be ~600 people, including attendees, exhibitors and speakers. It is the largest conference of its kind in upstate New York. Elected and appointed officials from town and village governments in Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Oswego counties and beyond will choose from 29 individual sessions on a wide variety of topics. Attached is the full program for the event. In addition, 28 exhibitors will be on display in the Event Center highlighting a wide variety of services offered to local governments.

*A keynote address titled “Leveraging Our Assets in a Global Economy” will be delivered by Andrew Fish, Senior Vice President for Business Development at Center State CEO at 12:30 p.m. Sessions that may be of particular interest during the day include Open Meetings Law, The EMS Crisis and Impacts on Municipal Budgets, Federal Funding Opportunities, The 94-C Renewable Energy Siting Process, and An Overview and Update of the NYS Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act.*

This year’s platinum level sponsors are BCA Architects & Engineers, C2AE Architects and Engineers, and GYMO Architecture, Engineering, Environmental & Land Surveying. Gold level sponsors are Comp Alliance and LaBella. Silver level sponsors are the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments. Bronze level sponsors are the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, North Shore, Northern Oneida County, River Area, and Salmon Rivers Councils of Governments.

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