

Delaware CEDS

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DELAWARE CEDS STATEWIDE PUBLIC WORKSHOP SUMMARY

March 29, 2006

4:00–7:00 p.m.

Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, Dover

Committee Members Present: Kim Brockenbrough (DSHA), Dennis Coker, Jerry Esposito, Jeff Flynn, Robert McLeod, Edwin Perez, Brett Saddler, Steve Thompson

CEDS Support Staff: Bill McGowan (facilitator), Kathy Wian (facilitator), Bernard Dworsky, Troy Mix, Julia O’Hanlon

DEDO Personnel Present: Joy Oliver

Number of Public Participants: 11

Bernard Dworsky (IPA Staff) opened the meeting with an introductory discussion of the agenda and format of the workshop and cited the progress of the Delaware CEDS since the formation of the committees and the kickoff ceremony in September 2005. He noted the materials made available to the participants (Agenda, 2006 Action Plan, 2005 Project-Proposal Summaries, Final Delaware Project-Priority List, Public-Feedback Form, a Heritage Tourism Proposal received, Poster Presentations of the CEDS Process Results, and a PowerPoint presentation of the CEDS Process). He also asked members of the audience to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

Along with the support staff, facilitators McGowan and Wian worked at the respective poster stations to answer any questions or to clarify any material. Participants rotated among the stations for approximately an hour. Mr. Dworsky and the support staff then asked participants if they had additional comments or questions. After some exchanges and discussion, Mr. Dworsky proceeded to review the anticipated path forward with Delaware CEDS, noting the inclusion of the Wilmington CEDS, the planned submission date of the CEDS to DEDO/EDA, and the continuity of effort expected. Participants were thanked for attending the workshop and invited to stay as long as desired and engage staff as needed. Several informal discussions then took place.

Members of the staff remained until 7 p.m.