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Great news this week.

The Southern Tier region was awarded a total of \$80.8 million and the Finger Lakes region \$80.7 million through the fourth round of funding for the state's Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) initiative.

In fact, both the Southern Tier and the Finger Lakes regions are among the five regions recognized as a "Top Performer" in this year's competition.

So the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions continue to stand out this year.

The regional leaders comprising these economic development councils are making a great difference. Their ongoing commitment and hard work over the past four years to assess our

strengths and weaknesses, identify specific economic priorities, and put in place short- and long-term strategies, keep us moving toward a stronger and more secure economic future.

These regional public-private partnerships are providing the economic leadership we need in this tough and globally competitive economy.

Now we have to keep building on these new economic foundations so that our communities, our employers and our workers can compete with anyone, anywhere for the jobs of the future and across-the-board economic growth.

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