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Onondaga County and Otsego County Announce Purchasing Partnership

Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Otsego County Board of Representatives Chair Kathleen Clark announce an historic agreement between the two counties. Beginning today, Onondaga County will provide purchasing services for Otsego County. This agreement enables Onondaga County's Purchasing Department to generate new revenue at no additional cost to taxpayers, while providing world class procurement services to Otsego County at a significantly reduced cost. This is the first such arrangement in New York State

"Today's announcement is another example of Onondaga County's commitment to transform our government to meet the challenges of the 21st Century," said Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney. "We are excited to partner with Otsego County in this agreement that benefits both our counties' taxpayers. Our County's Division of Purchase has championed a model of shared services and consolidated procurement that is second to none in New York State. Taxpayers have benefitted from cost savings and administrative efficiencies with over 50 municipalities through our Purchasing Department including the Villages of Liverpool, East Syracuse, North Syracuse, and Camillus, as well as the Towns of Cicero, Clay, and Salina, the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District and many more. Thank you to Board of Representative Chair Kathy Clark and her team for working with us on this exciting project."

Otsego County Board Chair Kathleen Clark stated: "Otsego County is pleased to partner with Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Onondaga's Division of Purchase to provide Otsego County residents with professional municipal purchasing services at a substantially reduced cost to our taxpayers. This innovative partnership will ensure that our purchases are done quickly, efficiently and in compliance with our requirements and those of New York State. Otsego County is at the forefront of employing creative solutions aimed at optimizing services. Today's joint announcement with County Executive Mahoney is another step forward for Otsego County as we seek to maximize efficiencies through shared services and innovation. I would like to commend Vice Chair Ed Frazier, Government Efficiency Committee Chair Craig Gelbsman, and the many dedicated staff members in Otsego and Onondaga counties who worked diligently to bring this project to completion."