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Tompkins Chamber and Ithaca/Tompkins Convention & Visitors Bureau Relocating to Ithaca's West End

(Ithaca, N.Y. 11/15/21) – The Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce and Ithaca/Tompkins Convention & Visitors Bureau are moving to Ithaca's West End.

The Chamber's Board of Directors and executive leadership announced Monday the organization will be moving its offices to 124 Brindley Street, within the Aeroplane Factory campus, managed by CSP Management.

"There are big things happening on the West End, and the Chamber and CVB are excited to help anchor that growth," said Jennifer Tavares, Tompkins Chamber President & CEO. "Numerous upcoming developments and investments will revitalize and build community in this part of town. We are so excited to see where this opportunity takes us in the next decade."

The decision was made following a comprehensive search process throughout the greater Ithaca real estate market. After careful consideration, the Brindley Street location was determined to be the most well-suited home for the organization for the next decade.

"We are thrilled to have found in 124 Brindley Street a location that offers us unique space for our current team but also allows for future growth," Tavares said. "It is a space that offers us the storage and logistical access we need to service our operations needs and stakeholders county-wide; a space which offers outdoor recreation amenities and is located in the heart of an area of our community in transition; and a landlord like Jerry Dietz who truly understands our mission and who is proven himself a benevolent host to numerous community organizations."

"We are extremely excited about the new location, which will place the Visit Ithaca team midway between the Visitor Center at the Overlook at Taughannock Falls and the Visitor Center inside the Tompkins Center for History and Culture on the Ithaca Commons," added Peggy Coleman, Vice President and CVB Director. "The ease of access to Brindley Street will make our new offices accessible to more Tompkins County tourism businesses and make our team more efficient in operations."

Board Chairperson Dr. Jeffrey Matteson expressed the organization's excitement for the future in its move to its new location.

“This location allows us the physical access, vehicular access, and the space to grow and flex our operation for the foreseeable future,” Matteson said. “We are appreciative of all of our partners who participated in moving this decision to finality and most of all, we are inspired by the enthusiasm of our staff in promoting their vision for this location.”

Jerry Dietz, owner of CSP Management, said as a longtime Chamber member and supporter of the organization’s work for the community, he is “thrilled they have selected 124 Brindley St. for their next home.”

Dietz noted the move comes as the West End neighborhood is undergoing a transformation to bring new life to the area.

“The west side of town is currently benefiting from a great deal of resources, infrastructure and investment being directed into transforming this area into a dynamic neighborhood. As an investor in the Brindley St. property, I am looking forward to working with the Chamber of Commerce to create an exciting and welcoming new space that will serve as a gateway to this newly developing area of town,” Dietz said. “Together, we will create a professional space that supports the Chamber and CVB, connects to their mission, members, tourism partners, and stakeholders for a continued vibrant future.”

The Tompkins Chamber & CVB recently completed a months-long search process, led by an Ad-Hoc Relocation Committee, and also included staff and Board engagement. HOLT Architects and Warren Real Estate also consulted on the project, supporting the Chamber & CVB in determining their space needs and core criteria for the next location, surveying the market for commercial properties which matched those criteria, and narrowing the search to seven sites which were shown to the prospective tenants; from this list of seven sites, two were selected as finalists.

The Chamber and CVB will remain open and operational five days a week at their 904 East Shore Drive location until the move is complete in the spring of 2022. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Members, tourism partners, and community members can reach out for an appointment at 607-273-7080, or email at info@tompkinschamber.org or info@visitithaca.com.

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About the Tompkins Chamber & CVB

With over 650 active and courtesy members, the Tompkins Chamber is dedicated to making our county a great place to live, work, and do business. We are a forward-thinking organization dedicated to promoting business in our region by being the community's nexus. The Tompkins Chamber works to forge links between and among business and government, community organizations, residents and institutions.

The Ithaca/Tompkins Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) division of the Tompkins Chamber is the designated tourism promotion agency for Tompkins County, whose role is to promote Tompkins County as a year round visitor destination to visitors, meeting and event planners, and tour companies, and thereby create economic growth.

The mission of the Tompkins Chamber is to foster sustainable economic growth through service to our members, strategic advocacy, workforce development, destination marketing, and quality-of-life investments.