

## **Opportunity Zone Panel Discussion: What is the Impact to Innovation**

CNY Biotech Accelerator (CNYBAC), Upstate MIND Theater (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
841 E. Fayette St., Syracuse, NY  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**  
**2:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

Per the IRS\*, an Opportunity Zone is an economically-distressed community where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool designed to spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities by providing tax benefits to investors. Our expert panel will discuss how this tax deferral program can impact innovation.

- 2:30 p.m. Sign-in/Networking
- 3:00 p.m. Welcome: **Mantosh Dewan, MD**, Interim President, Upstate Medical University
- 3:10 p.m. Opportunity Zone Discussion
- Moderator: Gerald F. Stack**, Partner, Barclay Damon, Syracuse, NY
- Panelists:**
- Hasoni Pratts**, Vice President, Opportunity Zones, Empire State Development, New York, NY
- Susan R. Katzoff**, Attorney, Bousquet Holstein, PLLC, Syracuse, NY
- Marc Alessi**, Executive Director, Business Incubator Association of NYS (BIANYS)
- 4:30 p.m. Reception

**RSVP to:** [cnybac@upstate.edu](mailto:cnybac@upstate.edu)

Free parking is available in the CNYBAC lot located behind the building.

\*Resources:

<https://www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/Opportunity-Zones.aspx>

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/opportunity-zones-frequently-asked-questions>