

## Jobs High on List as Lobbyists Head to Albany



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**ROCHESTER, NY (WXXI)** - An alliance of community leaders is heading to Albany Tuesday to lobby for initiatives that will create jobs and improve the Rochester economy.

The Rochester Community Coalition will meet with the governor's staff and lawmakers about capital projects, and for the first time, according to Rochester Business Alliance vice president of public policy and advocacy Chris Weist, about public policy initiatives.

"Some of them deal with issues such as mandate relief, as well as Empire Zones and IDA reforms," Wiest says. "But these are all initiatives that have been presented from the county executive, from the mayor, from leaders of the business community, and not-for-profits as key to our region's future success."

Weist says the group met with Rochester's legislative delegation earlier this year about their agenda.

The coalition is pushing for \$4 million for the Rochester Institute of Technology's Sustainability Institute, which they say would create up to 6,000 jobs regionally.

The coalition of businesses, cities, counties, labor unions, faith communities and non-profits is assembled by the Rochester Business Alliance to be a unified voice in Albany on issues that are pertinent to the future of the Greater Rochester region. © Copyright 2010, [WXXI](#)