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COMPTROLLER ANTONACCI VOWS REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN LIGHT OF ASPEN DENTAL'S DECISION TO RELOCATE DEWITT JOBS

Syracuse, NY – Onondaga County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci II, CPA, vowed to review economic development programs in the County in light of Aspen Dental's decision to relocate DeWitt jobs to Chicago. "Aspen Dental was the beneficiary of tax breaks through OCIDA and those tax breaks came with the promise of developing new jobs," said Antonacci. "As it appears Aspen Dental is moving some of those promised jobs to Chicago, we need to review what our rights are under the agreements," said Antonacci.

In 2010, Aspen Dental promised OCIDA it would create 126 jobs in exchange for tax breaks on a new building similar to its existing facility in DeWitt. News reports at the time characterize each set of tax breaks valued at \$600,000, for a potential total of \$1.2 million. Tax breaks on its headquarters at Sanders Creek Parkway expired in 2017.

"In light of similar occurrences with Sanmina in Owego¹, economic development strategies in Onondaga County and across New York State need to be reevaluated," said Antonacci. "Like State Senator John DeFrancisco has advocated, we need to focus on lowering taxes for everyone, not just the connected few," continued Antonacci.

Comptroller Antonacci stated once year-end tasks were complete, he would direct his internal audit staff to undertake an audit of economic development. As a result of his ongoing efforts to complete this audit, the Onondaga County Legislature approved a resolution supporting the Comptroller's efforts in December.

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¹ <https://www.pressconnects.com/story/money/2018/03/15/ugly-plant-closing-sanmina-owego-coincides-expiration-companys-tax-breaks/416406002/>