

*Amount Requested: \$1,200,000*

Explanation of Request: On a region wide basis, this program can help to create and support more than 125 small business jobs and leverage over \$30 million in additional private and public investment capital. The combination of flexible and shared use facilities with technical assistance increases the success rate of small businesses that are located within incubators. The food processing incubator proposed for the Hudson Valley Region also plays a critical role in supplying the food needs of the NYC metropolitan region.

Project Description: Funding is requested to develop a Valley-wide sustainable regional food packing, processing and distribution, system. This funding will be used to provide technical assistance and access to flexible food facilities for small farms and small agribusinesses.