

**NFTA-Metro CAC**  
**May 22, 2013**  
**Proposal for New Member Organizations**

**Background:** NFTA-Metro CAC's Governance Document was finalized at the January 24, 2013 meeting of the CAC. The document states, "It is in the best interest of NFTA that the membership of the CAC reflects a diverse and wide representation and be current users of the NFTA Metro Bus and Rail System." It also states that the committee will consist of not more than 25 individuals; there are currently 22 individuals on the committee, leaving 3 vacancies. The governance also provided an opportunity for the committee to review changes in the membership.

Four organizations have been identified for consideration and are presented below. If the committee agrees to add any or all of the proposed organizations, the organization will have the opportunity to appoint an individual representative to the CAC.

At the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the CAC decided to move forward with the addition of NOAH and added two potential organizations.

**Proposed Organizations:**

**Baptist Ministers Conference of Buffalo and Vicinity** – The Baptist Minister's Conference of Buffalo New York and Vicinity, Inc. is an organization of intentional fellowship among the Baptist Pastors and Ministers of the City of Buffalo's African American Churches. The current membership of the Conference exceeds 155 Pastors and Ministers representing 60 Congregations in and about the City of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Lackawanna and Hamburg, representing a constituency that exceeds 40,000 congregants. They have a long history of serving the citizens of this community as Pastors and Ministers as well as a long history of social activism focused on issues of social justice.

**Upstate Division of 1199 SEIU** - The Upstate Division of 1199SEIU is the voice of health care employees in western, central, and northern New York State. The region includes more than 21,000 health care workers at 31 hospitals, 66 nursing homes including Federally Qualified Health Centers and Home Care Agencies. Members of 1199SEIU's Upstate division work in 26 counties throughout Upstate New York from the Adirondacks to Niagara Falls, and include registered nurses, hospital workers, professionals, nursing home workers, and home care.

**Niagara County Workforce Investment Board (NCWIB)** – The Niagara County WIB, sets policy for the local workforce development system, service both job seekers and business. They determine the best use of WIB funds, which can be used to provide services to individuals seeking employment through linkages to job openings, service, and training opportunities. Their mission is to provide a universally accessible workforce development system that services job seeking customers and business customers effectively and efficiently.

**Buffalo Immigrants and Refugees Empowerment Coalition (BIREC)** – BIREC considers themselves the heart of refugees and immigrants. Their mission is to unite and empower refugees and immigrants, and improve their quality of life and that of the larger community. They focus on education, housing, health, immigration, business support and safety and security.