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**The Council of Industry Opens Nominations from Members
for its Third Annual Manufacturing Champion Award**

The Council of Industry is accepting nominations from member firms for its *Manufacturing Champions Award*. This year the Council will present awards to two individuals: one from the manufacturing sector and one from the public sector. The award recipients will be honored at the Third Annual Council of Industry Award Breakfast held later this spring.

The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals who through vision, dedication, hard work and tireless involvement have helped to overcome some of the many obstacles faced by manufacturers in the Hudson Valley community and in so doing they have made it possible for manufacturers and their employees to prosper.

Previous recipients of the award include New York State Senator Stephen Saland and Taylor N. Thompson, Chairman of Millrock Technology. Senator Saland was selected for his career long support of manufacturing in his district and throughout the Hudson

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Valley. He has long recognized the importance of skill development and workforce training to manufacturing employers and has consistently supported funding that training. Taylor N. Thompson was a director and past president of The Council of Industry. He was also the Executive Vice President of VirTis Company in Gardiner before becoming the Founder/President of FTS Systems Inc. He also holds six US patents and is considered an expert in the area of Freeze-Drying.

The 2008 Manufacturing Champion Awards will be presented at the Third Annual Council of Industry Award Breakfast held this spring. Last year over eighty people attended the event held at the Wiltwyck Country Club in Kingston. A venue for this year's event is yet to be determined.