## COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK

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## **Hudson Valley Manufacturers Hold**

## **Annual Luncheon**

On Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, the Council of Industry is holding its Luncheon and Member /Associate Member Expo at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, NY. The Council of Industry has been the manufacturer's association for the Hudson Valley For over a hundred years and continues to provide training and networking opportunities, along with a wide variety of other services and benefits, to our manufacturing members. The Council gives small and midsized companies the depth of talent and information to which only large firms have access. In addition to acknowledging the hard work of those individuals that have completed the Certificate in Manufacturing Leadership Program, the Annual Luncheon and Expo provide an excellent networking opportunity for

members. This year's speaker is Alistair Bentley, an economist with TD Bank. He will talk about the current state of the financial markets and their impact on the economy.

Mr. Bentley's primary responsibility is to provide economic analysis of the U.S. with a particular focus on the regional economies of the New England, Middle Atlantic and South Atlantic states for TD Bank. He will address concerns of local manufacturers such as: How will the Fed's Quantitative Easing policy affect your company? Will your export markets expand? Will your raw material costs increase? What will the effects of the financial reform law be on your business? Will you have easy access to credit? Will it affect your relationships with your customers who buy on credit? Will the economy grow in 2011 and if so, at what pace?

Mr. Bentley contributes to a variety of TD publications and is frequently cited in the media on a range of economic issues. Mr. Bentley has been a member of the TD Economics team since 2009 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and a Master of Arts in Economics.

The Member / Associate Member Expo provides an excellent opportunity for manufacturers and businesses that work with manufacturers to network and promote their products and services. Last year we had over 130 members of Hudson Valley industry in attendance. This is a chance to show your wares so to speak to our members,

let them know about the products and services your company offers. This is a great opportunity to get your company's name out there to the manufacturing decision makers of the Hudson Valley. Space is limited, and we had to turn away people last year, so sign up for an Expo table early. There is no cost to have a table at the Expo, but we do ask that at least two people from your company attend the luncheon. To reserve a table e-mail Alison Butler at <a href="mailto:abutler@councilofindustry.org">abutler@councilofindustry.org</a>.

The Annual Luncheon is also an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of those individuals that have completed their Certificate in Manufacturing Leadership. These individuals have completed over forty hours of required coursework in supervisor level leadership through Dutchess Community College. This year we have thirteen graduates from Alcoa Fastening Systems, Dynegy, Schreiner MediPharm, Se'lux, and Taconic Farms. We invite you to help us commemorate their completion of this prestigious program.

To find out more about the Council of Industry's Annual Luncheon or to register contact Alison Butler at <a href="mailto:abutler@councilofindustry.org">abutler@councilofindustry.org</a> or (845) 565-1355. The cost to attend is \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight.

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