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NYSERDA President to Speak at Council of Industry's Annual Luncheon and Expo on November 9th

The Council of Industry will hold its Annual Luncheon on November 9th at the Powelton Club in Newburgh. The keynote speaker will be Paul D. Tonko, President and CEO of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). During the event seventeen individuals will receive their *Certificate in Manufacturing Leadership*, recognizing the completion of a rigorous 60 hour supervisor development program.

The Council of Industry is the Manufacturers Association of the Hudson Valley. Founded in 1910, the privately funded association has more than 130 member firms that employ over 8,000 people in the greater Hudson Valley region. The luncheon will feature a member Expo that provides the Council's members and associate members alike with an opportunity to "show their wares" to each other as well as the hundred plus attendees of the Annual Luncheon.

Luncheon keynote speaker Paul Tonko will discuss the various ways NYSERDA is able to help fund energy efficient projects and the research and development of new sources of renewable energy. Mr. Tonko is an expert on energy and utility issues, having served on the New York Assembly Committee on Energy from 1992, through June of 2007. Mr. Tonko will also speak about the opportunities that are possible for manufacturers in the field of renewable energy technologies, such as solar, wind and geothermal. In 2007, Mr. Tonko was awarded The Solar

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Leadership Award by the New York Solar Energy Industries Association. His insight on these topics should be both informative and helpful to the various manufacturers and industry members in attendance.

The seventeen individuals honored with the Council of Industry's Certificate in Manufacturing Leadership have completed more than 60 hours of comprehensive management and leadership training. This is just one of the many programs offered by the Council of Industry to help its members increase the efficiency and profitability of their companies. Overall this event is a celebration of the significance of the manufacturing industry in the Hudson Valley, because manufacturing in New York State is still the engine that drives economic growth.

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