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**The Council of Industry's Third Annual Manufacturing
Champion Award**

The Council of Industry is proud to announce the 2008 recipients of the third annual Manufacturing Champion Award. This year the Council will present awards to two individuals: one from the manufacturing sector and one from the public sector. The winners will be honored at the Council of Industry's Manufacturing Champion Award Breakfast on Friday, June 6, at the Powelton Club, Newburgh, NY.

The Manufacturing Champion Award recognizes 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 doing so, they have made it possible for manufacturers and their employees to prosper.

The award for the public sector will be presented to New York State Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. for his lifelong contributions to the manufacturing community. Senator Larkin is serving his twenty ninth year in the New York State Legislature and in 2007 served on the Standing Committee for Commerce, as well as on the Standing Committee for Economic Development and Small Business. He has also endorsed the Upstate Now Plan, which was designed to help small and large businesses and increase economic growth and revitalize the upstate economy. He is a vigilant supporter of a pro-growth agenda and has a long record of accomplishments in support of small business and manufacturers.

This year the manufacturing sector award will be presented to Mr. Roger W. Smith, retired President of Pawling Corporation and a past President of the Council of Industry. Mr. Smith attended Williams College and Columbia Business School before going to work at Pawling Rubber Corporation full time. He eventually succeeded his father Howard Smith as President. Mr. Smith has been a role model for many in the world of business because of how through a strategy of diversification he created a durable company that is not only surviving, but excelling during this uncertain time in industry. He retired in 2006 with son Jason becoming President of Architectural Products/

Presray and Craig Busby and John Rickert becoming Co-Presidents for Engineered Products in Pawling.

The Award Breakfast will be held at 7:30 am on Friday, June 6, at the Powelton Club, Newburgh, NY. The Council of Industry would like to thank our major sponsor for the breakfast Hudson Baylor Corporation and our supporting sponsors: Rose & Kiernan, Central Hudson, Pawling Corporation, and Verticon Construction Services. For more information check our website www.councilofindustry.org under Events or contact Ana Maria Murabito at anamaria@councilofindustry.org or (845) 565-1355.

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