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**Affordable Training for Hudson Valley Manufacturers Through the Council  
of Industry And Hudson Valley Community Colleges**

The Council of Industry and a consortium of five Hudson Valley community colleges have received a Grant from the State University of New York to provide training to the region's manufacturers.

For the last three years, four Mid-Hudson Valley community colleges have successfully linked the training needs of their counties by partnering with the Council of Industry and its members.

This "consortium" of Dutchess, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan County Community Colleges has

provided a cost effective way for manufacturers across these counties to obtain high-end

affordable training for their employees. By working together the colleges are able to generate a

critical mass that ensures more and better training for companies than if they worked separately.

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Founded in 1910, the Council of Industry of Southeastern New York is the Manufacturers Association of the Hudson Valley. A privately funded not-for-profit organization, the mission of the Council of Industry is to promote the success of its member firms, and their employees, and through them contribute to the success of the Hudson Valley community. Training is one way the Council fulfills this mission, and bringing these colleges together has made for more effective training for its members.

To expand these training opportunities to more Hudson Valley manufacturers, Rockland County Community College has joined the consortium. Rockland Community College has identified a need for management training for companies within their county. In addition, they would like to be able to provide the opportunity for the businesses they work with to attend the other programs available in other counties.

These five community colleges have received nearly \$50,000 for this effort. As the network of businesses served grows, and as the connection of the businesses to the community colleges is strengthened, the consortium effort has had a greater and more far-reaching impact.

The selected programs were identified through a needs analysis survey conducted by the

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Council of Industry. Based on feedback from Council members and the participating community colleges, the training programs include a *vacuum system design program, management development in Spanish and English, photovoltaic training, lean manufacturing, electronics and controller training, hydraulics, a series of innovation workshops, and manufacturing processes*. The Council also offers a highly successful Certificate in Manufacturing Leadership program. Fifteen graduates of this series of courses were honored at the Council of Industry's Annual Luncheon on November 9.

The registration process for the 2008 training year has already begun. Hudson Valley manufacturers can request a training catalog or more information about any of the courses offered by contacting the Council of Industry at (845) 565 – 1355 or by visiting their website at [www.councilofindustry.org](http://www.councilofindustry.org).

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