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Chenango-Delaware-Otsego Workforce Investment Board (CDO Workforce) Announces New Officers and Members of the Board Appointments

Counties of Chenango, Delaware and Otsego – The following persons have been elected as officers and directors to the Chenango-Delaware-Otsego Workforce Investment Board (CDO WIB) per vote of members of the Board attending the June 11, 2008 quarterly meeting:

Board Chair: Charlotte O'Dea, Marketing Specialist, The Raymond Corporation, Greene, NY;

Vice Chair: Brad W. Brooks, General Manager, Brooks Machine Products Ltd., Unadilla, NY;

Secretary/Treasurer: June White, Director, Afton Central School Adult Education and Literacy Program, Afton, NY;

Director: Shirley Finch, V.P. Human Resources, Sidney Federal Credit Union, Sidney, NY;

Director: Craig Cashman, Executive Director, Opportunities for Chenango, Inc., Norwich, NY; and

Director: Elsa MacDonald, Tri-County Labor Council, Sidney, NY.

At the same meeting, recently appointed new members (*) to the CDO WIB joined existing members as it concluded business for the 2007-2008 Program Year. The Chenango-Delaware-Otsego Workforce Investment Board is the area's workforce development strategic and policy guidance body charged to ensure career development, training and employment opportunities exist for all residents, and that area businesses will have the workforce necessary to flourish in an evolving economy.

Members of the Board represent a wide range of professional and civic experiences to help the Board meet its goals in the coming years.

- Gina Becraft, Human Resource Manager, Kraft Foods
- Richard Bohmen, Assistant District Manager, NYS VESID
- Brad W. Brooks, General Manager, Brooks Machine Products Ltd.
- Marki Claire, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction Services, DCMO BOCES (*)
- Craig Cashman, Executive Director, Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. (*)
- Maria Desimone, Human Resource Manager, Corning Inc. (*)
- Jonathan Dokuchitz, VP of Operations, Custom Electronics, Inc. (*)
- Ric Festarini, VP Human Resources, OSG Norwich Pharmaceuticals

- Shirley Finch, VP Human Resources, Sidney Federal Credit Union
- Belinda Gonzalez, Manufacturing Trainer, MeadWestvaco
- Gary Herzig, Deputy Director, Opportunities for Otsego, Inc.
- Steve Iacampo, Human Resource Manager, Amphenol Aerospace, Inc.
- Carolyn Lewis, Director, Otsego County Economic Development (*)
- Doug Lifgren, Operations Manager, Astrocom Electronics, Inc.
- Elsa MacDonald, Secretary – Treasurer, Tri-County Labor Council
- Glenn Nealis, Director, Delaware County Economic Development
- Charlotte O'Dea, Marketing Coordinator, The Raymond Corporation
- Lori Olsen, Regional Manager, Manpower Inc.
- Richard Rifanburg, Technology Coordinator, Chenango County DSS
- Michael Shea, Superintendent, Oneonta City School District (*)
- Kelly Storm, Human Resource Manager, Granite Capital Holdings
- Mary Twitchell, Union Representative, PEF
- Zoe Vandermeulen, Director of Communications, Unadilla Laminated Products
- Darlene Walling, HR Senior Recruiter, NBT Bank
- George Wells, General Manager, Central New York Radio
- June White, Director, Afton Central School Adult Education and Literacy Programs

CDO Workforce Chair Charlotte O'Dea stated, "The Board has had strong participation from many excellent leaders over the years." Each has brought expertise in their respective field, but also the needed dedication to shape our workforce areas policy and programs to effectively serve residents and business. "I welcome the new members of the Board and wish to thank all the present and past members of the Board for their time and dedication to this effort".

About the Chenango-Delaware-Otsego Workforce Investment Board

The purpose of the *CDO Workforce* Investment Board (CDO WIB) is to build competitive workforce advantage of the Chenango-Delaware-Otsego region. The CDO WIB was created in 2000 under provisions of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to improve the local workforce and involve the regions business community with workforce development initiatives. Members of the Board are appointed by the County Chairs of Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego. Under the leadership of the private sector-led volunteer body, the CDOWIB sets the strategic direction for Chenango-Delaware-Otsego public workforce system, providing oversight for certified CDO Workforce One-stop Career Centers, which includes a range of career development, training and employment services for youth, adult jobseekers, the unemployed, and business. The CDO WIB primary funded through federal sources, but also identifies opportunities to leverage additional private and public investments through initiatives designed to improve the local labor supply and ensure Chenango-Delaware-Otsego area businesses have the human capital needed to compete in the global economy.

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