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Hearing on “The Impact of Trade with China on New York State and Opportunities for Economic Growth”
Rochester Institute of Technology, Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies
Rochester, New York

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The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 23, 2009 in Rochester, New York on “**The Impact of Trade with China on New York State and Opportunities for Economic Growth.**”

The hearing will be from 8:45 am to 5:00 pm at the Rochester Institute of Technology's Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies, Rochester, New York, located at the Louise M. Slaughter Building, Room 2240, 111 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623.

The July 23 hearing is being conducted to obtain input from leading experts in government, business, industry, academia and the public on the impact of trade with China on New York State companies and communities, and to address the following areas: (1) positive and negative effects of competition with China, (2) impact on major industries that have closed production facilities in the region, (3) efforts by New York State government to deal with adverse effects of international trade competition, (4) efforts to stimulate local economy, and (5) industries that are leading the future of New York.

Public participation is invited during an open-microphone session for public comment at the conclusion of the afternoon session beginning at 4:00 pm. Sign-up for open-microphone session will take place in the morning of July 23 beginning at 8:45 am and will be on a first come, first served basis. Each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of 5 minutes.

[A copy of the draft hearing agenda is attached at the end of this press announcement.](#)

Hearing Co-Chairs: Commissioners Patrick A. Mulloy and Dennis C. Shea

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Louise M. Slaughter Building, Room 2240
111 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

A campus map with directions to the conference center and parking information is available on the Commission's Web Site at www.uscc.gov .

Panelists' bios and written statements will be available on the Commission's Web Site at www.uscc.gov on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Reservations are not required to attend – seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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- 8:45 am – 9:00 am **Introductory remarks by Dr. William Destler, President of Rochester Institute of Technology**
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am **Commissioners’ Opening Statements**
- 9:15 am – 10:30 am **Panel I: The Impact of Trade with China on New York State**
- Dr. Ron Hira, Associate Professor of Public Policy, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
 - Mr. John Perrotti, CEO, Gleason Corp., Rochester, NY
 - Dr. Willy C. Shih, Professor of Management Practice, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Panel II: The Impact of Chinese Competition on Local Companies and Communities**
- Mr. James V. Bertolone, President, Rochester Labor Council (AFL-CIO), Rochester, NY
 - Mr. William A. Johnson, Jr., former mayor of the City of Rochester, and Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Urban Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
 - Mr. Ed Kowalewski, Director of International Trade and Investments, Upstate Empire State Development Corporation, Buffalo, NY
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Panel III: Government and Institutional Perspectives and Current Opportunities for Growth in New York State**
- Mr. Peter Robinson, Vice President and Chief Operation Officer, University of Rochester Medical Center and Strong Health, Rochester, NY
 - Mr. Paul Vargovich, President, National Solar Technologies, Depew, NY
 - Ms. Linda Dickerson Hartsock, Director, Center for Clean Entrepreneurship, The Tech Garden, Syracuse, NY
 - Mr. Nicholas Rostow, University Counsel and Vice chancellor for Legal Affairs, State University of New York, Albany, NY
- 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm **Panel IV: Advanced R&D in Sunrise Industries that Can Lead to Growth for Local Companies**
- Dr. Nabil Nasr, Director of the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
 - Dr. Marnie LaVigne, Director of Business Development, University of Buffalo Center for Advanced Biomedical and Bioengineering Technology, Buffalo, NY
 - Mr. Edward Patton, Director of Sales and Marketing, Rochester Precision Optics, West Henrietta, NY

- Mr. Clive R. Barons, Vice President, Strategy Integration, Fuji Xerox Operations, Webster, NY

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Panel V: Public Comment Period *(5 minutes per comment)*

- Registration for the open microphone begins at 8:30 am in the hearing room.
- Participants will each be allowed 5 minutes to give their remarks.

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