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Governor Appoints MacEnroe to "Green Council"

Governor David A. Paterson has appointed Mohawk Valley Applied Technology President, Paul B. MacEnroe, Chairman of the State's Advisory Council on Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability. This Council was formed as an outgrowth of the Governor's Executive Order Number 4. Executive Order 4 directs state agencies to develop Sustainability Programs; these are defined as projects, programs and policies designed to reduce the adverse public health and environmental impacts of an agency's activities and operations. Areas of focus include reduction, reuse, recycling and composting of solid waste; reduction or elimination of the use and generation of toxic substances; enhanced energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources; conservation of water and other natural resources, and maximization of the use of green products, services, and technology.

The Advisory Council is comprised of eleven members appointed by the Governor with experience in the fields of green procurement, public health, waste prevention and recycling, workplace safety, chemical manufacturing, and other pertinent fields. According to Mr. MacEnroe, "This appointment demonstrates the Mohawk Valley's leadership and commitment to improving the environment while saving money." Initial goals for the state include the reduction of the use of paper, water and energy. MacEnroe says "all of those moves are good for the environment and lower the cost of government. ...People hate to see cost savings that result in fewer services; nobody minds seeing cost savings that result from the reduction of garbage.

At its heart, sustainability is about creating a healthy, prosperous society that is more efficient, avoids waste, and uses resources in a way that maintains the capacity of the planet to support natural ecosystems and provides abundant, clean and renewable resources for all people well into the future. Making New York State government operations and procurement more sustainable has the potential to significantly reduce pollution and waste while at the same time saving taxpayer dollars. In addition, it will contribute to a more sustainable economy and strengthen the market for green products and services. This, in turn, has the potential to enhance New York's ability to attract and retain businesses that make clean technologies and follow green business practices, improving the ability of our economy to compete in an increasingly competitive and green global marketplace.

The Mohawk Valley Applied Technology Corporation (MVATC), located in Utica, serves high technology and manufacturing companies in Oneida, Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery and Hamilton Counties. It is a Regional Technology Development Center (RTDC) designated by the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation and an Affiliate of Manufacturing Extension Partnership designated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.