

Tax Free NY

Transforming university communities into magnets for new business and investment

Last week, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo unveiled a bold, game-changing initiative to transform SUNY campuses and university communities across the state into tax-free hubs that attract start-ups, venture capital and new business and investments from across the world. The initiative, known as "Tax-Free NY," will entice businesses to bring their jobs to the Empire State by offering them the opportunity to operate tax-free for 10 years - including no sales, property or business tax - while also partnering with the world-class higher education institutions in the SUNY system. To read more, [click here](#).



"Tax-Free NY is the type of visionary thinking we need from our leaders. Upstate New York has great strengths - like universities and entrepreneurs - that we need to continue to support..."

- Jamie Dimon, CEO, JPMorgan



First Ever Tourism Summit

Generates new ideas to bring more visitors to New York State

On May 8, hundreds of tourism experts from around the globe gathered in Albany for the first ever New York State Tourism Summit to discuss new ways to bring tourists to every corner of the state. At the summit's conclusion, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the launch of New York's largest tourism campaign in decades, committing nearly \$60 million to grow the industry and attract even more visitors to the Empire State.

"New York State has some of the most beautiful tourist attractions in the world. From the peaks of the Adirondacks to the beaches of Long Island, no matter what you're looking for you can find it here," Governor Cuomo said. "I want the world to know about these assets, too, and am committed to making the state a 'must see' global destination and creating new jobs and investments in New York." For the full story, [click here](#).

Digital NY: Technology Spotlight

Take a look at NYS's emerging Silicon Alley with Paperless Post, NYCSeedStart and Codecademy



NYS's tech scene has been buzzing recently from Tech Valley in the capital region to Silicon Alley in New York City. New York State will continue to grow into a tech hotspot with its increasing state support, VC support, innovation and deep talent base.

[Paperless Post](#): Providing a new digital spin on an age-old practice, Paperless Post offers customers a new, innovative venue for online communication design. Modernizing the tradition of person-to-person correspondence, the website helps customers create one-of-a-kind personalized cards and invitations that reflect the occasion and the sender. For the full story, [click here](#).



Spotlight on Success: M&G DuraVent, Inc.

Utilizes tax credits and grants to expand its New York manufacturing presence

M&G DuraVent, Inc., a technological leader in the venting industry, recently held a grand opening of its new, expanded manufacturing facility in Albany County. The company's expansion - spurred by support from the state - will create 103 new jobs and retain 58 existing jobs in Albany County, demonstrating the state's success in growing the economy and creating jobs. For the full story, [click here](#).



DuraVent grand opening: new Jupiter Lane facility



Governor Cuomo Kicks Off Round III of REDC Competition

Governor unveils the Innovations Hot Spots Competition

On May 15, Governor Cuomo hosted Regional Council co-chairs and local economic development officials from across the state to kick off the third round of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) competition and detail the process for 2013. Additionally, the governor unveiled the Innovations Hot Spots Competition, which will promote the commercialization of academic research and grow the state's economy.

"Over the past two years, the Regional Economic Development Councils have been a tremendous success," Governor Cuomo said. "From Niagara Falls, to Plattsburgh, to Long Island, the results are clear in communities all across the state as new projects are being launched, creating jobs and supporting local economic growth." For the full story, [click here](#).



New York State Announces Its First Business Ombudswoman

Mwisa Chisunka to be businesses' internal advocate with NYS

Last month, Empire State Development and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance announced the appointment of Mwisa Chisunka as New York State Business Ombudswoman and Director of Business Tax Services and Education. As New York's first ombudswoman, Ms. Chisunka will work closely with the business community to provide education about tax law developments, answer questions and help businesses navigate the issue resolution process. She will also launch pro-business programs as part of Governor Cuomo's Open for Business initiative. For the full story, [click here](#).

Path Through History

Explore your own Path Through History by region or theme

The [Path Through History](#) initiative was launched by Governor Cuomo to showcase New York State's unparalleled heritage tourism assets - including museums, historical sites and cultural institutions - and promote economic development in communities in every region of the state. Path Through History exploded into May with a robust integrated marketing campaign backed by a grant program that produced ten vision plans for heritage tourism in each of New York's economic development regions. For the full story, [click here](#).





Canalside Buffalo

Where Buffalo is going: State announces Summer 2013 programming and events on Buffalo's waterfront

[Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation \(ECHDC\)](#), a subsidiary of Empire State Development, recently launched its 2013 season of summer programming at Canalside in Buffalo and debuted www.canalsidebuffalo.com, a mobile friendly events calendar.

This year, Canalside will host more than 800 events and activities, expected to attract 800,000 visitors to Buffalo's waterfront. New offerings this year include: "Canalside Food Fight" - a series of food truck competitions; a games and leisure component at The Ruins featuring an outdoor reading room and area for board games, lawn games like badminton, pool, ping pong and foosball; and "A Celebration of Music" with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Friends. For the full story, [click here](#).



ESD Events

Activities around New York State that you can attend

On May 13th, Kenneth Adams and other state and local officials broke ground on [Amphenol Aerospace's](#) new manufacturing facility in Sidney, NY. The groundbreaking comes less than two years after flooding from Tropical Storm Lee devastated Amphenol's Delaware Avenue facility, resulting in nearly \$40 million in damages, and leading the company to explore moving their manufacturing operations outside of New York State. [View full schedule](#).



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