



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT In New York State and on the Canal

A SUNY/Erie Canal Bicentennial Forum

**SUNY Adirondack Community College
Northwest Bay Conference Center
Adirondack Hall
640 Bay Road
Queensbury, NY 12804**

Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 1pm – 4pm
Informal Networking Reception to Follow

OPENING SESSION

(1:00 – 1:30)

Welcome & Introduction of Lieutenant Governor: SUNY Adirondack President Kristine Duffy

Welcoming Remarks: Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul

Keynote Address: Madhuri Kommareddi, Director of Workforce Development, Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Overview of the Forum & Introduction of Moderator: NYS Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton

PANEL DISCUSSION 1:

Workforce Development in New York State

(1:30 - 2:15)

Moderator: NYS Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon

Panelists:

Hon. Betty Little—NYS Senate, 45th Senate District, Assistant Minority Leader

Tracy Podnorszki—Human Resources Manager, Irving Tissue, Ft. Edward

Caelynn Prylo—Assistant Dean for Continuing Education and Workforce Innovation, SUNY Adirondack

Paul Mrocka—President, Paradox Brewing, Schroon Lake

Ed Bartholomew—Executive Director, Warren County Economic Development Corporation

BREAK

(2:15 – 2:30)

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Workforce Development Opportunities on the Canal

Diversifying our Canal Workforce

(2:30 – 3:15)

Moderator: NYS Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon

Panelists:

Kimberly O'Rourke, Western Division Environmental Specialist, NYS Canal Corporation

Edward Pattison—Assistant Operations Manager, Head Dispatcher, NYS Marine Highway

Kate Fish—Executive Director, Adirondack North Country Association

Nancy Bowen—Director of Human resources, NYS Canal Corporation

Joe Moloughney, P.E.—Canal Eastern Division Engineer, NYS Canal Corporation

Question & Answer Session – All Panelists

(3:15 – 3:45)

Reception to Follow

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