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December 2, 2021.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving.

Union Meetings:

- December Union meeting is cancelled.**
 - Our next union meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2022, starting at 5pm.**
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Out of work and traveling:

- We have 28 JM that are willing to go back to work. All retirees except Service Tech retirees should have been let go. Please give me a call if you know of any retiree working. Thank you...**
 - We have 15 members traveling.**
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Work outlook:

- We are in a lull at this time, and it will probably last through the Holidays... Work will pick up and I am hopeful we will be back to full or close to full employment by February 1...**
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Travel opportunities:

- There are plenty of travel opportunities. Please call Jim if interested.**
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Rochester Building Trades:

- ✚ Job site Journeyman to Apprentice ratio's...
 - ✚ Solar Home Factory to be built in Geneva. \$21 million. See attached...
 - ✚ In discussion regarding the Lithium Battery plant being built at Eastman Business Park... \$133 million.
 - ✚ Gov. Hochul has signed the PLA for phase #3 & #4 for the Rochester City School Mod. Work to begin in 2022...
 - ✚ Zoo and Frontier Field – working on a PLA...
 - ✚ Ongoing meetings w/the Construction Rep from Turner construction and the Reps from the U of R regarding a PLA for the upcoming new construction and renovations at the U of R.
 - ✚ Meetings at STAMP regarding a new Hydrogen Plug Power Plant. Possible PLA.
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UA meetings/NYS Int. Rep. John Murphy:

- ✚ Heat Pump Training. See attached...
 - ✚ Work outlook throughout NYS looks outstanding...
 - ✚ Unemployment #'s update from all the locals throughout NY and any deaths because of Covid-19.
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Politics:

- ✚ Gov. Hochul announces \$81 million award for economic development. See attached...
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Please review attached:

1. Gov. K. Hochul's Economic Development Awards...
 2. Geneva – The Solar Home Factory's plans...
 3. Email from Int. Rep. John Murphy – Heat Pump Training...
 4. Apprenticeship vs. Internship...
 5. OSHA News Release – Covid-19 Vaccination...
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Save the dates:

Family Picnic at Seabreeze – June 25, 2022.

Clambake – September 10, 2022. The clambake will be held at Long Acre Farms in Macedon.

More details to come...

Retirees:

The Holiday Lunch is schedule for December 14th at the hall starting at Noon. Stay safe and healthy...

This week's quote:

"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us." -Anonymous

Please call me if you have any questions and or concerns. Thank you...

Fraternaly yours,



William Kurtz

Business Manager

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COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccine appointments are available at New York State mass vaccination sites for children ages 5- 11. Vaccines are also widely available through your child's pediatrician, family physician, local county health department, FQHC, or pharmacy.

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NOVEMBER 22, 2021 Albany, NY

Governor Hochul Announces Over \$81 Million Awarded in Round XI of the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative

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First Batch of Approved Awards Include 97 Shovel-Ready Projects to Stimulate New York's Post-Pandemic Recovery

Full List of Awardees Thus Far Can be Found [Here](#)

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that over \$81 million has been awarded to support 97 priority projects across New York State through the Regional Economic Development Council initiative. This year, \$150 million in grant funds from Empire State Development was made available on a continuous and competitive basis to support the immediate needs of

applicants. Additionally, projects within each region are eligible for a share of \$75 million in Excelsior Jobs Program Tax Credits to help attract and grow business in their region.

"The pandemic toll touched every corner of the state and every sector of New York's economy, and as a result we must ensure that our recovery does the same," **Governor Hochul said**. "As we move forward from the pandemic we are using the rolling grant process to build New York State back better by supporting shovel-ready projects with the potential to accelerate new investments and catalyze economic growth in every community."

"Through a collaborative, bottom up, and regional approach to economic development, these projects were chosen for their innovation, impact on their communities and potential for positive change coming out of the pandemic," **said Lieutenant Governor Benjamin**. "Whether it is workforce development, tourism, green investments or domestic manufacturing, we are moving forward to foster a strong and prosperous economy in New York State."

The application for ESD Grant funds remains open, and applications are being reviewed on an on-going basis until funds are exhausted. Applicants with strong, shovel-ready projects that align with the state and region's economic development priorities can apply through the [Consolidated Funding Application \(https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapps.cio.ny.gov%2Fapps%2Fcfaf%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cchristina.levin%40](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapps.cio.ny.gov%2Fapps%2Fcfaf%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cchristina.levin%40)

Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President & CEO-designate Hope Knight said, "The COVID pandemic has had a devastating impact on our state, and this is especially true for the businesses and organizations that are the foundation of our economy. The Regional Economic Development Councils, made up of people who know their own communities best, have recommended innovative projects that will help their regions rebuild, and reemerge stronger and smarter for the future."

This initial round of priority projects was recommended by each Regional Council because of their project readiness and alignment with each region's strategic plan. Highlights include:

- **Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Capital Region) - \$1.75 million ESD Grant:** The Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany County will invest nearly \$9 million to renovate laboratory space for new Quality Assurance/Quality Control and Cell and Gene Therapy labs. The project will also perform necessary construction and renovation to install and support the operation of highly specialized biopharmaceutical laboratory equipment in The Stack Family Center for Biopharmaceutical Education and Training (CBET). This initiative will leverage partnerships with industry, academia and government agencies to deploy cutting edge biopharmaceutical manufacturing technology to support current and future workforce demands while promoting economic development, community outreach and engagement for students and practicing professionals.
- **Fotokite Expansion (Central New York Region) - \$2.5 million ESD Grant, \$2.5 million Excelsior Jobs Program Tax Credit:** Perspective Robotics US, LLC will be one of the largest and first tenants at the former Syracuse Development Center in Onondaga County which has been vacant since 1998, allowing the company to develop its global

production center. The new site will contain state-of-the art manufacturing facilities as well as new lab and office space for the company. The company will invest over \$21 million and create and retain over 200 jobs.

- **Solar Home Factory (Finger Lakes Region) - \$1 million ESD Grant, \$1 million Excelsior Jobs Program Tax Credit:** The Solar Home Factory will invest over \$21 million and construct a new 108,000 sq. ft. facility in Geneva (Ontario County) to manufacture solar powered, modular, net-zero multi-family housing units. The modular units will be delivered to housing projects throughout Upstate New York and installed onsite. The company will create 107 new jobs.
- **New York Institute of Technology Microscopy Center (Long Island Region) - \$1.05 million ESD Grant:** New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) College of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Old Westbury is creating a Microscopy Innovation Center to advance research and breakthrough treatments for neurodegenerative diseases, clinical depression, and more while training workers in diagnostic microscopy, visualization, and imaging technologies. NYIT will invest over \$15 million into the Microscopy Innovation Center.
- **Upriver Studios (Mid-Hudson Region) - \$500,000 ESD Grant:** Upriver Studios will create a carbon neutral campus and a more competitive series of sound stages for film and television production projects in a 101,000 sq ft. state-of-the-art facility in Saugerties. The project will allow Upriver to attract and retain major network productions like the one recently inked to a one-year renewable contract in May of this year, resulting in hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in economic impact in the Mid-Hudson Valley.
- **HPK Industries (Mohawk Valley Region) - \$200,000 ESD Grant:** HPK Industries will purchase new machinery and equipment to streamline operations and automate processes to more than double production capabilities for PPE at their facility in Herkimer County. This project will meet the growing demand as New York State and U.S. based companies seek to secure the supply chain of PPE products. HPK Industries will invest over \$1 million in the facility and create and retain 60 jobs.

- **Governors Island Climate Resiliency Accelerator (New York City Region) - \$2.5 million ESD Grant:** Historic Building 301 on Governors Island will be transformed into the \$13.35 million Buttermilk Labs, an accelerator hub for climate change-focused businesses, entrepreneurs, and non-profits. The project will provide a platform for supporting and scaling green- and blue-tech businesses, such as offshore wind, and is a critical step in establishing a future Center for Climate Solutions on the Island. The project is expected to create 150 jobs employed by accelerator tenant companies.
- **OWD Site Development (North Country) - \$2.5 million ESD Grant:** OWD Development, LLC will invest over \$13 million to redevelop a blighted former manufacturing facility into a new mixed-use development site. This certified historic redevelopment project, located in Tupper Lake, Franklin County, will include co-working and training space, commercial space, and market rate apartments.
- **United Health Services Improving Access to Childcare (Southern Tier) - \$991,616 ESD Grant:** United Health Services (UHS) will renovate an existing facility in Broome County, to provide an updated and compliant setting for childcare, creating additional high quality and convenient childcare slots for United Health Services employees and community members. UHS will invest almost \$5 million and create 18 new jobs.
- **Buffalo Studios (Western New York Region) - \$2 million ESD Grant:** Buffalo Studios will create a Hollywood-quality movie studio lot in South Buffalo, Erie County that will include facilities to support the film, television, and gaming industries. The project will allow for production of feature films and television series at the facility alongside post-production, animation, gaming, and industry tech development. In addition, Buffalo Studios will establish a partnership with the University at Buffalo to establish a satellite campus on site for education and training opportunities to university students and residents from Buffalo and Western New York. The project will also include the construction of an on-site childcare facility. This \$80 million project will create 22 new jobs.

About the Consolidated Funding Application

The Consolidated Funding Application was created to streamline and expedite the grant application process. The CFA process marks a fundamental shift in the way state resources are allocated, ensuring less bureaucracy and greater efficiency to fulfill local economic development needs. The CFA serves as the single-entry point for access to economic development funding,



A sketch of the Solar Home Factory's planned new facility on Forge Avenue in the city of Geneva, which will manufacture solar-powered multi-family units. The company secured \$2 million in state funding for the project this week. The company plans to break ground on the new facility in the fall of 2022.

Solar Home Factory

GENEVA — The Solar Home Factory's plans to expand in the city got a big boost last week.

The company was awarded \$1 million from Empire State Development, along with a \$1 million Excelsior Jobs Program Tax Credit, toward its 108,000-square-foot expansion at 33 Forge Ave.

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced the grant and tax credit awards Nov. 22 as part of \$81 million given to 97 projects across the state through the Regional Economic Development Council initiative.

The company said it plans to add 100 workers as part of a \$21 million expansion, with \$17 million secured from private funding sources.

The expansion involves building a new facility on the same lot of the existing manufacturing site, said Ryan Wallace, a company partner and chief executive officer.

The Solar Home Factory, which has 20 employees, built the Lake Tunnel Solar Village off Routes 5&20 in downtown Geneva and currently is constructing an 87-unit multi-family development on Carter Road in the town of Geneva.

The new plant will produce housing modules for multi-family developments across the region, and the company plans to break ground on the facility in the fall of 2022.

Multi-family units are the focus of the Geneva company, said Tracey Wallace, the company's chief financial officer.

"There is a real housing need in the Finger Lakes, as well as across New York state," she said. "By focusing on larger developments we can have a greater impact on the problem."

The company said the expanded factory will produce housing modules that are fully built inside — from electrical, plumbing, drywall and flooring to cabinetry and appliances.

The units are then taken to sites across the region and stacked with a crane.

Marc Rodriguez, the Solar Home Factory's vice president of construction, said each apartment will have net-zero energy use, meaning it will produce as much energy as it uses over a year.

"These are high-quality living spaces that come together to form high-performance buildings," Rodriguez said.

He said the new factory will allow the company to ramp up production in a big way.

“This is the evolution of construction and the only way to construct affordable housing in an era of high material prices and a shortage of labor,” Rodriguez said.

With the new facility it's expected the company will eventually be able to produce an apartment every four hours.

Bill Kurtz

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Brothers,

As a follow-up to the Clean Energy Heat Pump Training classes, some locals have gotten off to a fast start while others have yet to conduct any classes. Locals 638 and 81 have been leading the pack.

We are asking every local to schedule at least one, four-hour class in December and announce it to their signatories. Please ask signatory contractors to register at least one tech to this class. Classes can be offered remotely. I'm aware of a turnover in Training Directors in a few locals. If necessary, ask to join in with another local's classes.

Our non-signatory competitors are actively advertising heat pump installation with trained service technicians.

Also, the ITF is putting together a video and a journal article on Clean Energy Infrastructure. KellyPress/UA Journal would like to capture video/pictures on a project in NY. **Please let me know of any projects that would fit the bill.**

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance,

John

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Apprenticeship vs. Internship: Have You Considered a Career in the Trades?



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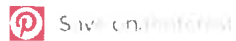


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Apprenticeships and internships both offer training for potential future jobs. But if your goal is a good, steady job afterward, an apprenticeship may be better for you.

Apprenticeships and internships provide on-the-job training that can lead to a full-time job. According to an industry-wide survey by the Associated General Contractors of America, 80 percent of contractors had difficulty filling positions for workers. Currently, there aren't enough qualified tradespeople to fill all of the open jobs. It's safe to say it's a good idea to consider a career in the trades, at least as one of your options.

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What Is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job in which a person (the apprentice) learns from expert tradespeople known as journeymen. An apprentice [learns skills while on the job](#), and while studying theoretical material, usually through a technical college.

Apprenticeships usually run about two years, but can last up to six years depending on how complicated the trade is. An apprenticeship is meant to provide a pathway to a [job in the trades](#).

Pros of Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships allow trainees to gain skills while being paid. For many people, this eliminates the need to take out a loan while training.

With a [shortage of experienced trade workers](#) and more people retiring each year, apprenticeships usually lead to [higher paying jobs](#). Depending on the apprenticeship contract, the apprentice may also be eligible for holiday pay, which a lot of interns don't get.

Cons of Apprenticeships

[Companies and organizations sponsor apprenticeships](#), and the apprentice must fulfill certain responsibilities as part of the contract they sign. Failing to fulfill an apprenticeship contract might have legal ramifications that limit where the person can work, or require them to pay back some of the money spent on the apprenticeship. And although the pay tends to increase every year of the apprenticeship, it remains far below that of full-time co-workers.

What Is an Internship?

An internship is a short-term job, often during the summer, although some can extend into the [school year](#). Internships provide work experience to college students seeking jobs in a specific career field.

Interns assist full-time employees with projects and tasks while learning valuable skills and knowledge about the company. Some internships are paid, some are not. An internship can be a path to a corporate job after graduation.

Pros of Internships

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... internship experience. However, since you're not getting paid, an internship can't give you a leg up on the competition.

Internships also let you see what it's like working for that employer. The intern could discover the company they've always dreamed of working for isn't a good fit. And internships let you explore multiple career paths.

Cons of Internships

The biggest downside of some internships is that they are unpaid. For college students responsible for their own bills, this can be a big problem. The student/intern may have to borrow money during the internship.

Also, the quality of the work is not always high. Sometimes interns are given simple tasks the full-time employees don't want to do. And even paid internships usually don't pay very well. Although internships provide valuable experience and often lead to jobs, a job offer is not guaranteed.

Plus, internships vastly differ from one company to the next. Some provide stellar [internship programs](#) known for high pay and quality of work. Others don't. Research the companies offering internships before accepting an offer.

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News Release

U.S. Department of Labor | November 30, 2021

US Department of Labor extends comment period for COVID-19 vaccination and testing emergency temporary standard

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration has extended the comment period for the COVID-19 vaccination and testing emergency temporary standard to Jan. 19, 2022. OSHA extended the comment period by 45 days to allow stakeholders additional time to review the ETS and collect information and data necessary for comment.

Submit comments identified by Docket No. OSHA-2021-0007 electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for making electronic submissions. The Federal e-Rulemaking Portal is the only way to submit comments on this rule. Read the Nov. 5, 2021 [Federal Register](#) notice for details.

On Nov. 5, OSHA issued an emergency temporary standard to protect workers from the spread of coronavirus on the job. The emergency temporary standard covers employers with 100 or more employees. Covered employers must develop, implement and enforce a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy, unless they adopt a policy requiring employees to either get vaccinated or undergo regular COVID-19 testing and wear a face covering at work. More information about the ETS is available on OSHA’s [COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS webpage](#).

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