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Get Energy Savings And Rebates For Your Business

Con Edison announced that the company is launching new energy efficiency programs for eligible small businesses that include free energy surveys and rebates for those who upgrade their heating, cooling, and hot-water systems.

For small businesses, Con Edison will

provide free energy audits and give substantial rebates to companies that make major energy efficiency upgrades.

For more information and to begin the application process, small business customers and residential customers can call toll free 1-877-870-6118 or visit www.coned.com/energyefficiency

Staff Updates



Chamber Lends A Helping Hand

In July, we held a meeting of the Korean business community at Assembly member Grace Meng's office to explore how the Queens Chamber can help the Korean business community. Approximately 25,000 Korean businesses are in the metropolitan area: the leading categories are nail salons, dry cleaners, delicatessens, fresh produce and fresh fish stores. These store-front proprietors need to know about New York City licenses, fees, certifications, etc. required to run their businesses in full compliance of city regulations. There are language barriers, not just a shortage of training sessions.

We have gathered detailed guidelines for starting each business type, and these will be translated into Korean. Launching our relationship will be an October 13 evening "Legislative Meet & Greet," where legislators from all over the borough can meet Korean business leaders and hear their concerns first hand; followed by a Town Hall Meeting later in the year at which Korean business people will be able to meet

with representatives of most regulatory agencies relating to starting, maintaining and running a business in New York City.

Relevant to our Chamber's encouragement of translation efforts is the Chamber's survey emailed to our members in July, "Impact of Employee Language Barriers" regarding the English language skills of the Queens workforce. The information gathered will be used to look at the impact of non-English speaking and limited-English speaking workers on the business community's productivity and profit margin. We very much hope that the results will enable us to recommend helpful protocols for employers.

Disability Mentoring Day, which takes place this year on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, is one of the highlights of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. On Disability Mentoring Day, people with disabilities nationwide spend a day finding out first-hand about the skills and education needed to succeed in the workplace. Reciprocally, employers are able to see a potential employee in action.

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Working On A Variety Of Issues

Summer is half over, and at The Queens Chamber of Commerce we are working on program activities for the rest of the year. It has been very hard to select from among the many highly quality organizations, professionals and institutions to work with as we promote and present the best of the best.

Federal Savings Bank, and Brian Gurski from the LaGuardia Community College Small Business Development Center.

The outreach message of the Queens Chamber of Commerce is that Queens is open to all the nationalities and bi-national chambers of commerce. In 2009, we are proud to welcome as an affiliate Krista Altok Tassa, President of The Estonian American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (EACCI).

The EACCI was created August 16, 2002 to promote trade and investment between the U.S. and Estonia, providing a forum for information exchange between the American and Estonian business communities. The EACCI conducts trade delegations, conferences, seminars, luncheons, special events for networking, and to facilitate business development.

"The EACCI is hosting two upcoming trade events, open to Queens Chamber members", according to Krista.

A travel fair, aptly named "Destination Baltics," is scheduled for September 10, 2009. The EACCI, in cooperation with the Estonian Trade Council and NEXCO, will host a visiting trade mission from Estonia September 14-16, featuring a broad cross-section of industries, with a kick-off breakfast at the New York Estonian House, 243 E. 34th Street on September 14.

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