



## Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation

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### DCEDC Business Excellence Awards Place Successful Businesses Center Stage

Poughkeepsie, New York – The 2011 Business Excellence Awards, awarded annually by the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) and sponsored by KeyBank and several other generous sponsors, are set for Tuesday, October 18th at The Grandview at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$135 per person or \$1200 per table of 10 and can be purchased through DCEDC or online at [www.thinkdutchess.com](http://www.thinkdutchess.com).

John MacEnroe, President and CEO of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation, observed, “During these economic times, when there can often appear to be challenges at every turn, it is increasingly important to focus on what is working well. The DCEDC Business Excellence Awards do just that – not only do they inspire each of us to reach higher, they offer insight into their success as employers.”

William R. Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive, stated, “The Business Excellence Awards spotlight the innovation and outstanding work of Dutchess County’s exceptional business community. It’s not by luck Dutchess County has maintained a positive record of achievement in the area of economic development. These businesses tell the rest of New York State, the nation, and the world that Dutchess is open for business, and growing in prominence as a tourist destination.”

Paul P. Calogerakis, Senior Vice President at Key Bank Corporate Banking and Chairman of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, said, “KeyBank is committed to supporting the DCEDC, whose programs and services are vital to helping firms grow and thrive in Dutchess County. When one business prospers, the entire business landscape is strengthened. KeyBank is dedicated not only to attracting new industry, but supporting such a diverse range of companies, all demonstrating excellence in their field.”

Now in its 14th year, the DCEDC Business Excellence Awards recognize and celebrate the people and businesses whose ingenuity, perseverance, financial investment, time and effort make Dutchess County a spectacular place to live and work. This year, the Grand Award recipient is Health Quest, in recognition of its outstanding contribution to the region’s economic strength.

"Health Quest is honored to receive the Grand Award this year. We are not just one of the region's largest private employers, but we are the largest provider of comprehensive medical care to our community as well. We are pleased to be both an economic leader as well as leader in delivering health care and have our excellent team of physicians, employees and board members to thank for our success," said Michael T. Weber, President and CEO of Health Quest.

Eight additional awards for business achievement will be presented to employers who have made significant contributions to Dutchess County's economic landscape. Award recipients were chosen from a large and impressive pool of nominees by a committee of DCEDC board members and other business leaders. The categories and awardees include:

Agriculture: Madava Farms, Crown Maple;  
Entrepreneur: Hudson Valley Shred;  
Innovation: Hudson Valley Clean Energy;  
Manufacturing: Dorsey Metrology;  
Newcomer: Karma Lounge;  
Not-for-Profit: Astor Services for Children and Family;  
Small Business: Niche Modern Lighting and  
Tourism: Art Along the Hudson.

The event draws more than 350 attendees annually; business leaders of small and large businesses, CEOs, bank presidents, leaders of nonprofit and community organizations, state and local elected officials, and representatives of the news media. Don't miss this chance to do business with the "who's who" of the Dutchess County business community.

Several generous sponsors have committed their support to honor this remarkable slate of awardees, among them, KeyBank (Visionary Sponsor); Health Quest (Leader Sponsor); BBG&G Advertising & Public Relations, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, The Chazen Companies, Dover Knolls Development Co. II, LLC, IBM Corporation, M & T Bank Corporation, Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Poughkeepsie Journal (Advocate Sponsors); Morris Associates, PLLC, Gellert & Klein, PC, and The Honorable G. Brian Morgan, Corporation Counsel of the City of Poughkeepsie (Additional sponsors).

Members of the 2011 Business Excellence Awards event committee include: Kathleen Hickey, Chair; Chief Communications Officer, Beacon Institute for Rivers & Estuaries; Nancy O. Amy, President, Nancy Amy Consulting; Susan Sayre Batton, Managing Director, Dia: Beacon; Paul P. Calogerakis, Senior Vice President, Key Bank Corporate Banking; John MacEnroe, President, DCEDC; Wayne L. Nussbickel, President & CEO, N & S Supply, Inc.; Andrea L. Reynolds, President & CEO, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley; Mary Kay Vrba, Director, Dutchess County Tourism; Nancy Lutz, Communications Manager, Dutchess County Tourism.

Enjoy an evening of conversation with colleagues, delicious food and drink, and hear inspirational stories of distinction. Tickets are \$135 per person or \$1200 per table of 10. Purchase your tickets through Pay Pal at <http://thinkdutchess.com>. Checks may be mailed to: Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation, 3 Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

12601. Call 845-463-5400 with questions. As the DCEDC states, "Think Dutchess!" and don't miss this significant county-wide business networking evening.

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The Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation is a private, nonprofit organization serving the cities, towns, and villages of Dutchess County. Funded annually by the County, the County's Industrial Development Agency, and through private-sector investment, the EDC supports and promotes business development in Dutchess County through a variety of business attraction, expansion, and entrepreneurial development programs. EDC's offices are located on Neptune Road, off Route 9 south in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Anyone interested in learning more about EDC and its services for business and industry may do so by calling 845-463-5400 or visiting <http://thinkdutchess.com>