Schenectady, NY – The City of Schenectady will host a press conference to kick-off Manufacturing Week on National Manufacturing Day. Mayor Gary R. McCarthy will be joined by U. S. Congressman Paul Tonko (NY-20), Mayor Lou Rosamilia of Troy, and representatives from the Center for Economic Growth, Schenectady County Community College and Mohonasen Central School District.

Manufacturing Week is an extension of National Manufacturing Day and will run Friday, October 2 through Thursday, October 8, 2015. Manufacturing Week – is designed to expand knowledge about and improve general public perception of manufacturing, careers in manufacturing and the value of manufacturing on our local economy.

This week-long event features a Women in Manufacturing panel discussion at 9 a.m. on Oct. 2 at miSci – Museum of Innovation and Science in Schenectady. This panel will be moderated by Louise Aitcheson, Director of Business Development, CEG, Capital Region MEP Center and Executive Director, Chief Executives Network for Manufacturing. The panel includes local women leaders in manufacturing Adine Viscusi, co-owner of Casa Visco, Cecilia Tkaczyk, small business-entrepreneur of Cece’s Wool and Paula Patalino, Industrial Engineer at Philips Medical.

Manufacturing Week is the outcome of efforts taken on by the Manufacturing Week Committee which is hosted by the City of Schenectady and is comprised of representatives from government, local manufacturing, small business, educational institutions, economic development organizations and technology centers.

The City of Schenectady has a rich heritage of Manufacturing. While manufacturing is making a comeback in America, Schenectady has been part of this national tradition since the days of Thomas Edison and steam powered locomotives. Today the spirit of innovation and manufacturing is alive and well in Schenectady. National Manufacturing Day, and every day, is
an opportunity to celebrate and promote the contributions local manufacturers have on our local economy and community pride. - Mayor Gary R. McCarthy

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