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McDonald Calls On Global Foundries and Local Economic Development Organizations to Hold Luther Forest Job Fair Says Local People Need Help Finding Local Jobs

Albany – Senator Roy McDonald sent a letter to representatives of Global Foundries today calling upon them to hold a job fair locally so that Capital District and Upstate residents have the opportunity to obtain jobs at the Luther Forest Technology Park Campus in Malta.

“People are coming up to me on the street and asking where they can get information and what they should do to acquire employment at the technology park” McDonald continued, “a project on this scale, with nearly \$1.2 billion in state and local funding, needs to have a significant amount of transparency and accountability to the public. Local people need to receive first consideration for employment throughout this project.”

McDonald outlines three separate and distinct levels of potential employment for this project. The initial construction and labor work in the creation of the facility, followed by the full and part-time careers required to operate the facility for Global Foundries. And lastly, local small business vendors who should be provided the opportunity to provide goods and services to the facility.

“Members of our communities will be quite unsettled if after years of their dedication and economic support towards this project, the cars parked outside of the facility brandish out-of-state license plates” said McDonald. This is especially important due to the current estimated unemployment rates ranging anywhere between 8 and 11 per cent.

McDonald suggests that the fair be held on a weekend as to make it easiest for individuals to attend at a large, easily located location. In addition, McDonald offered the idea of posting important employment information on the Global Foundries website with links from the Senators website to further extend opportunities to local people.

“I would like to see these Global Foundries and the local economic development organizations put this job fair together, but if they cannot I will put a job fair on myself to help our local people get local jobs” said McDonald.

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