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Governor Cuomo Announces 12 New York Companies to Start Producing COVID-19 Related Equipment and Supplies to Support In-State Needs

July 30, 2020

$6.9 Million in Incentives Awarded to Manufacturers Across the State Will Provide State and Local Governments and In-State Entities Faster and More Secure Access to Life-Saving Medical Products

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced 12 New York companies have received support from the State to produce needed supplies to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. While the State currently has some of the lowest transmission rates in the United States, preparing for a possible "second wave" is vital to protecting essential healthcare workers and the public. These grant funds will help alleviate product shortages due to supply chain issues that could lead to unfair pricing practices. These companies will also increase the State's manufacturing capacity while creating new jobs and market opportunities. To date, more than $11 million in grants have been awarded to 20 qualifying New York-based companies to retool their business lines and pivot to manufacturing vital supplies for ongoing response and recovery efforts.

"During the pandemic, the nation has learned a hard lesson about not having a supply chain for vital supplies based here at home in the U.S. and as a result we had to scour the globe for live-saving products that are mainly manufactured overseas," Governor Cuomo said. "That won't happen again in New York - we are building the infrastructure needed for the future and by supporting local companies' pivot to new areas of production, we will be in a better position to avoid supply and demand issues and secure the items we need both quickly and at reasonable prices."

Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President & CEO-designate Eric Gertler said, "Many of the world's premier and most innovative companies are in New York State. ESD's support for these businesses not only answers Governor Cuomo's call for homegrown industries to assist with the state's efforts to combat the coronavirus but reflects the investment that is being made to strengthen New York's manufacturing sector, enhance a diverse, dynamic private sector partner that can adapt quickly to new market opportunities, and continue its record of smart growth as we reopen and grow statewide."

Read the full press release here. (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-12-new-york-companies-start-producing-covid-19-related-equipment-and)

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