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Governor Cuomo Announces Five New York Companies to Produce COVID-19 Related Equipment and Supplies to Support In-State Needs

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Nearly $2 Million in Incentives Awarded to Manufacturers Across the State Will Provide Faster and More Secure Access to Life-Saving Medical Products and Create New Jobs

New York State Has Announced More Than $20 Million to 36 New York Companies to Manufacture Vital Supplies; Companies to Collectively Create/Retain 3,500 Jobs

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that four additional New York companies and one company that has previously received state support will be awarded nearly $2 million in state support to produce needed supplies to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. These grant funds will help alleviate product shortages due to supply chain issues that could lead to unfair pricing practices. The companies will also increase the State's manufacturing capacity while creating new jobs and market opportunities. To date, New York State has announced more than $20 million in grants to 36 qualifying New York-based companies to retool their business lines and pivot to manufacturing vital supplies for ongoing response and recovery efforts. These 36 companies will collectively create and retain over 3,500 jobs.

"The COVID-19 pandemic exposed serious issues in our nation's medical supply chain, and we were forced to compete overseas and pay exorbitant prices for these life-saving products," Governor Cuomo said. "We learned the hard lesson that these resources need to be manufactured here in the U.S., and we are taking steps to build the infrastructure we need here in New York to keep us prepared for future crises while helping local companies create new jobs."

"Our country was ill-prepared for a global pandemic when it arrived early in 2020, and New York State was left to scour the earth in search of personal protective equipment," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "We are proud to support domestic manufacturing of critical medical equipment that will not only save lives and reduce dependency on overseas products, but also retain local jobs and support New York State companies."

In March, Governor Cuomo asked companies with New York-based operations to retool production lines in order to manufacture approved (https://esd.ny.gov/sourcing-covid-19-products-nys#_blank) COVID-19 critical supplies, such as ventilators, test kits and PPE. Companies manufactured N95 respirators, surgical masks, gowns and face shields, among other products. On July 30, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced 12 New York companies (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-12-new-york-companies-start-producing-covid-19-related-equipment-and#_blank) had received support from the State to produce needed supplies to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to 8 companies (https://esd.ny.gov/esd-media-center/press-releases/4-million-awarded-companies-covid-19-supplies) announced by Empire State Development on May 15, 2020. On October 23, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced that an additional 8 New York companies (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-eight-additional-new-york-companies-start-producing-covid-19-related) had received support to start producing COVID-19 related equipment and supplies. The program was designed to ensure that New York State's health facilities will have access to PPE if and when they need it.

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

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