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WESTCHESTER ENERGY PLAN NEEDS JUMP START

It's nearly six months ago now that the startling results of the Westchester Business Alliance's energy study of the region's power needs revealed action must be taken if the County is to avoid skyrocketing energy costs and a severe loss of jobs and revenue. The report called for the support of a safe and reliable operations plan for the Indian Point Power Plant. It also advocated the formation of a Task Force of business and governmental leaders that would produce a comprehensive energy resources plan for Westchester County; a plan that would secure the County's continued growth and development.

To date, little has been done.

Westchester's energy consumption is rising 2% a year or approximately 100-150 megawatts annually---and that's *on top* of a current demand of 5,000 megawatts! The region's ability to import electricity is limited....yet no new power plants are even being considered.

It takes about eight years to design, construct and get a new power plant operational. If Indian Point nuclear power plant is closed and no new plants are ready to take its place, Westchester's energy costs can increase by 150% by 2017! If this happens by 2017, 11,000 jobs will be lost in Westchester and nearly \$5.5 billion in cumulative lost economic output would be sustained.



INNOVATION In Construction cannot thrive in an economic and energy environment vacuum. Take a position and make

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6 LU ARCHITECTURAL CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE A SELL-OUT!

The second session of the Construction Advancement Institute's [CAI] Continuing Education course was an absolute sell-out with 40 architects in attendance. The all-day, 6-Learning-Unit course was held recently and participants



learned all about the latest, state-of-the-art developments in six major areas of building construction: concrete, roofing, fireproofing, interior construction challenges, architectural cast stone work and geothermal heating and cooling systems.

An AIA validated, HSW designated course, accepted by NYS, "Utilizing Cutting Edge Technologies in Your Designs", will be offered again on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008. To meet extraordinary demand, CAI is now accepting pre-registration

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your voice heard to promote sane energy policies and action to assure Westchester's bright future----and *not* these dire predictions, counsels Ross Pepe, President of the Construction Industry Council of Westchester and Hudson Valley, Inc.

His voice is joined by other business leaders like Vince Colletti, Chairman of the Board of the Construction Advancement Institute of Westchester & Mid-Hudson region, who said: "Local government, business and political leaders must join together to protect this region's extraordinarily successful economic growth and development. The time for action is NOW."

This most recent energy study was sponsored by the Westchester Business Alliance [WBA]. The Alliance consists of five concerned business groups: the Construction Industry Council, the Construction Advancement Institute, Building and Realty Institute, Inc., The Business Council of Westchester and the Westchester County Board of Realtors, Inc.

WBA engaged Dr. Howard J. Axelrod, President of Energy Strategies, Inc. of Albany, NY, to prepare the study. Dr. Axelrod has served energy clients for over 23 years and specializes in power systems planning, economic analysis and risk management.



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for this October course. You may register now by calling John R. Kubasek & Associates, Inc. at (718) 727-4366. There is a \$100 Registration Fee, but no payment is due at this time.

The afternoon of the course includes a site tour of Manhattanville College's unique new Center for the Creative Arts & Experimental Learning complex in Purchase, NY. Bus transportation is provided at no cost as part of the registration fee.

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