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NEWS RELEASE

Mon, May 20 | Port of Albany partners to present Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) and Supply Chain Symposium in Celebration of World Trade Week NYC 2024

(May 15, 2024) The Port of Albany, Capital Region Foreign Trade Zone #121, Capital District Regional Planning Commission, and CEG have partnered to present **“Managing Risk and Cost in the Global Supply Chain: How Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) can help”** on Monday, May 20 at 1 pm (doors open for lunch and networking at 12:30pm) in the Port of Albany’s Maritime Terminal.

This afternoon of presentations will focus on how companies involved in manufacturing and distribution can understand post-pandemic supply chain issues, learn proven options for reducing risk and spend in the global supply chain, how to implement/operate Foreign Trade Zones, and more.

Featured speaker Thomas Cook is the managing director of Blue Tiger International and is a global trade and compliance expert and author who has helped businesses manage their import and export operations for more than 35 years.

Additional speakers and panelists include: Ashley Armstrong, Curia; Kathryn Bamberger, NYS ESD Global NY; Megan Daly, Port of Albany; Cathy Gibbons, US Dept of Commerce; Richard Hendrick, Port of Albany; Kate Maynard, AICP, Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC); John Polowczyk, Ernst & Young; William J. Ring III, LOGISTEC Stevedoring; Mercedes Sanchez-Moore, NYSBDC; and Dan Wiesenforth, Center for Economic Growth.

The symposium is free to attend; registration is required. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with industry experts, speakers, and panelists during the included breaks and lunch. In addition, attendees will be able to join a pre-symposium tour of the Port of Albany’s Maritime Terminal and Offshore Wind Supply Chain Manufacturing Expansion Project. The event is sponsored by Blue Tiger, Capital Region Foreign Trade Zone #121 and Sparx.

To register and for more information, visit: www.niwt.org/may-20/

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With four transport modes -- ocean vessels, barges, freight railroads, interstate highways -- the Port of Albany is Upstate New York’s largest public port/logistics hub and serves as a Port of Entry with on-site U.S. Customs office and bonded warehouse. The Port is open and active year-round and includes deep-water shipping access and approximately 450 acres of land on both sides of the Hudson River in four municipalities. The Port of Albany is located 124 nautical miles north of the Battery in New York Harbor. The facility is undertaking nearly \$100 million in maritime upgrades and investment as well as a \$700+ million Port expansion project. For more information, visit www.portofalbany.us.