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**CEG Bioconnex Forum 'Medical Device Industry: Past, Present, Future'
Presents Visionary Leaders**
Participants Will Offer Industry Overview, Look to Future

Three recognized leaders in will be featured as the Center for Economic Growth (CEG) presents its next Bioconnex Forum "Medical Device Industry: Past, Present, Future."

The forum, co-sponsored by MedTech, will be held Wednesday, June 17 beginning at 4 p.m. at the Queensbury Hotel, 88 Ridge Street.

"There are powerfully compelling reasons why businesses in our region have become national leaders in the medical device industry," said Michael Tucker, president and CEO of CEG. "We have a very well-educated and technically trained workforce, R&D partners with many local colleges and universities, and we have the support of local governments as well as non-profit partners such as CEG."

"Medical Device Industry: Past, Present, Future" will feature Jan Keltjens, president and chief executive officer of AngioDynamics, Queensbury; Heather Erickson, president of MedTech, Syracuse; and Len Fosbrook, president of EDC Warren County.

Keltjens has more than 20 years of medical industry leadership including positions with CryCath Technologies, Inc.; Cordis, a Johnson & Johnson Company; and Uniliver. He has also been managing director of several high-tech companies.

Erickson was previously with Edgar, Dunn & Company and worked in the genomics research group at Chiron Corporation, now part of Novartis. She also did research at Yale Medical School.

Fosbrook has 20 years of experience in the medical device industry including serving as vice president of marketing for Namic, now Navilyst Medical, and for Universal Medical Instruments.

"Biotech is facing numerous challenges, which significantly influence how companies such as AngioDynamics must operate." said Keltjens. "I look forward to participating in the Bioconnex Forum, as it will be an excellent opportunity to interact with colleagues who have unique insights on our dynamic industry."

“I’m looking forward the lively discussion and connections that this event will engender,” said Erickson. “Upstate New York supports a vibrant community of medical products companies as evidenced by the exceptional development and manufacturing companies resident in Queensbury and throughout the region.”

“As both a veteran of the medical device industry and an economic development specialist, I certainly appreciate the vital role of CEG in assembling this forum,” said Fosbrook. “I’m looking forward to what my colleagues have to say about the issues that concern us all.”

To register for ““Medical Device Industry: Past, Present, Future” email Elena D’Agnese at ElenaD@ceg.org or visit www.bioconnex.org.

About Bioconnex:

An initiative of CEG, the Bioconnex network is dedicated to the development and growth of the biotechnology community, and to strengthening the competitiveness of the Capital Region and Tech Valley as the premier global location for biotechnology research, education and industry. The objectives of Bioconnex are to:

- Increase networking and collaboration within the biotechnology community
- Develop partnerships between research, education and business
- Address common challenges facing biotechnology organizations in the Region.

Bioconnex is a partnership among private companies, higher education institutions, research organizations, and the Center for Economic Growth. All employees of member organizations automatically are members. Bioconnex offers important programs and tools including:

- A web portal to industry-specific regional, state, national and global information
- A monthly newsletter including events, news, updates, and more
- Networking and educational events
- Working groups where biotech professionals can address shared issues

About the Center for Economic Growth:

The Center for Economic Growth (CEG) is a regional economic and business development organization dedicated to attracting high-tech talent and companies and to providing innovative services to bolster local businesses in New York state's Capital Region and Tech Valley. CEG receives significant financial support from the NYS Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR), New York's high-technology economic development agency, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). CEG serves as NYSTAR's designated Regional Technology Development Center for Tech Valley, one of nearly 350 MEP locations across the country assisting local manufacturing and technology companies with generating new sales, creating stronger operational infrastructure and overcoming barriers to growth. CEG is based in Albany, New York. Visit www.ceg.org for more information.