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## NEW YORK PHOTONICS ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Progress and potential of the optics and photonics industry in the Rochester region will be discussed Oct. 27 during the annual meeting of New York Photonics, a leading local organizational and advocacy group.

The meeting, 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Strasenburgh Planetarium at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, will feature U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer and leading specialists in both the emerging sciences and economics of optics and photonics.

New York Photonics, the trade group, is marking a number of accomplishments, including helping to coordinate funding for local O&P programs and playing host again to major professional conferences in Rochester. NYP helped coordinate the Finger Lakes region's presence—the largest of any area—at the 2016 Photonics West conference in San Francisco, the top international gathering for photonics technologies. Rochester has been designated as the headquarters for AIM Photonics, a federal effort to boost development of integrated photonics technology, a development effort where the U.S. is competing globally. The Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council has identified O&P as one of three critical industries for the future.

Schumer, key in the AIM designation, will kick off the meeting with remarks at 3 p.m. A series of updates and presentations will feature Paul Ballentine, executive director of the Center for Emerging and Innovative Sciences at the University of Rochester; Tom Battley, executive director of New York Photonics; Alexis Vogt, chairwoman and associate professor of optics at MCC; and Ed White, outreach executive for AIM Photonics.

“We’d really like to hear from professionals in the industry as well as others who can have a role supporting it—investment professionals, CPAs, lawyers, economic development specialists, you name it,” Battley said. “We’ve got work to do. Our region has an unparalleled opportunity to grow an industry that could multiply high-paying jobs and enhance quality of life for decades.”

A demonstration to highlight state-of-the-art full-dome planetarium projection technology will be shown after the discussion, followed by a reception and refreshments.

Cost is \$50. To register, <http://tinyurl.com/NYPANNUAL>

### **About New York Photonics**

New York Photonics is a not-for-profit organization founded to promote and enhance the New York State Optics, Photonics and Imaging industry by fostering the cooperation of business, academia and government. Our world-class companies and research universities are first in innovation in Optics, Photonics and Imaging Science.

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