This briefing provides information on firm-specific hiring and layoff announcements in the Hudson Valley. The information in this report is derived from press releases, newspapers, business journals, newsletters and other public sources. It does not include all expansions and contractions in the region – only those for which public information has been obtained. An attempt is made to present only current information – events that have recently occurred or will occur in the near future.
BUSINESS EXPANSIONS FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY REGION

January 2015

**Dutchess County**

Marist College is hoping to secure $1 million in funding from the federal Economic Development Agency (EDA) for two major projects that would foster economic growth, help get start-ups off the ground, and create local jobs. The federal funds would allow Marist to create a Science and Technology Park on its East Campus and a ‘Proof of Concept’ Center for cloud computing. Marist hopes to receive $500,000 for each project. The East Campus Science and Tech Park would provide a home for high-tech entrepreneurs to develop new companies and create jobs. While the Proof of Concept (POC) Center for Cloud Computing and Analytics would be a space for entrepreneurs in cloud computing to test whether a new concept, theory, or enhancement to an existing approach has the potential for real-world applications.

**Orange County**

Angry Orchards plans to open a cidery and tasting room in a new facility in the Town of Montgomery. The hard-cider maker is a division of the Boston Beer Company. The company uses apples from Europe, especially France and Italy, along with those from the Pacific Northwest and Northeast region of the United States. Angry Orchards would like to add about five full-time employees to their existing staff. Construction of the new 10,025 square-foot facility is expected to begin in March and be completed by the end of November 2015.

**Competitive Power Ventures Holdings** will begin construction on a $900 million gas-fired power generating plant in early fourth quarter, 2015. The company has cleared all the regulatory hurdles to build the 640-megawatt plant in the Town of Wawayanda. CPV will pay $46.4 million in PILOTs over a 22-year period and save $7.5 million in sales and use taxes. Construction of the plant will take about 31 months, while creating 500 temporary construction jobs and 25 permanent jobs once operational.

**Steris Isomedix Services**, a national company that provides contract sterilization services to pharmaceutical companies, as well as those that make medical devices, announced plans to expand its facility in Chester. The company looked at various locations throughout the Northeast, but decided to enlarge its operations in Chester. The plan calls for Steris to build a 75,000 square-foot extension to its current facility, which is about 110,000 square feet. The expansion will allow the company to add 20 to 25 employees to its existing workforce of 100. The job titles vary from engineers, to production supervisors, to material handlers.

**Putnam County**

Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**

Nothing to report.
Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Ulster County
Nothing to report.

Westchester County
Construction is underway for a 155-room Hilton Hampton Inn and Suites in Yonkers. The 188,000 square-foot hotel, which will feature a pool and a fitness center, is scheduled to open by late summer, 2015. The project is expected to create 50 permanent jobs and 200 temporary construction jobs.

Construction on a long-delayed multi-million dollar development project recently began in downtown Mount Vernon. The $60 million, mixed-use development on Gramatan Avenue known as LaPorte, will feature 159 rental apartments, 19,500 square feet of retail space and a new municipal parking garage within the building. The plan also includes a $3 million rehabilitation of the Sidney Avenue Municipal Garage. The project is expected to be completed by Fall, 2016. It is estimated that the project will create about 305 construction jobs.

Sherwin-Williams Inc., a paint and coatings company, announced plans to open a new retail store in Yonkers. The company recently signed a lease for approximately 3,800 square feet of space on Central Avenue. No job numbers were available.

TGI Fridays recently opened a new restaurant at City Center in White Plains. The new restaurant hired 150 people from the White Plains area.

The developers behind the Fleetwood Tower project were granted a special permit for the construction of a 249-unit complex at 42 West Broad Street, in Mount Vernon. The Alexander Group and its partner, the Bluestone Organization, will spend about $4 million to renovate an adjacent municipal parking lot and build a 16-story L-shape complex, with apartments ranging from studios to three-bedroom units. No job numbers were announced.

The Westchester County Industrial Development Agency recently approved amendments allowing for the construction of the $250 million Bank Street apartment complex in White Plains. LCOR, a Berwyn, Pa.-based real estate development and management company, will begin construction on the new 760,000 square-foot apartment complex in March. The Bank Street project includes 561 apartments, along with retail space and a parking garage. It’s estimated that the project will create about 500 new construction and permanent jobs.

U-Haul’s parent company, Arizona-based Amerco Real Estate Co., recently purchased a 152,000 square-foot industrial building in New Rochelle for $6.1 million. The building will be used to house its moving and storage business. No job numbers were announced.
February 2015

**Dutchess County**
Nothing to report.

**Orange County**
IBM announced plans to upgrade its Sterling Forest facility in the Town of Tuxedo and is seeking financial incentives from the Orange County Industrial Development Agency. Big Blue has applied for sales tax exemptions as it plans to spend at least $50 million to upgrade its resiliency center.

Save-A-Lot, the discount grocery supermarket chain, recently opened a new store on Lake Street, in Newburgh. No job numbers were announced.

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report

**Rockland County**
Nothing to report

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report

**Westchester County**
Flexjet, a Texas-based private jet operator, will relocate its operations from Teterboro Airport in New Jersey to Westchester County Airport’s Hangar F. The company will receive tax incentives from the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency. About 20 temporary construction jobs will be created during a four-month renovation period of the hangar facility, which will include enlarging the hangar doors to accommodate larger aircrafts and renovating and remodeling half of the office space into a customer lounge. Flexjet expects to bring 35 high-paying jobs from New Jersey to Westchester County, with employment levels growing by about 10 percent each year for the next two to three years. An additional 55 permanent jobs will be created over the next five years.

Leggiado, a luxury fashion manufacturer and retailer, is relocating its headquarters to downtown Yonkers from Manhattan’s garment district. The luxury fashion manufacturer is seeking at least $69,275 in sales and mortgage-tax breaks for the purchase and rehabilitation of a building at 65 Main Street. Leggiado will create 20 full-time jobs at the facility, which will serve as the company’s cutting, sewing and design center, as well as its administrative offices. The company will also open an outlet store for its upscale women’s wear.
RACKS Corp., is seeking special permit from the Greenburgh Town Board to build a 113-bed assisted living facility on a 5.3-acre wooded site at the end of North High Street and North Lawrence Avenue. The 92,000 square-foot facility would include studio and one-bedroom units, ranging in size from 420 to 620 square feet. No job numbers were announced.

**March 2015**

**Dutchess County**
Nothing to report.

**Orange County**
The owners of the Frozen Ropes complex in Chester will create a sports facility called “Warwick Yard” at the former Mid-Orange Correctional facility in the Town of Warwick. The Industrial Development Agency granted the company a 10-year payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT), and a sales tax exemption on the purchase of construction materials for the project. No job numbers were announced.

The Village of Goshen’s Planning Board recently granted conditional approval to Kikkerfrosch L.L.C. to build a brewery on Route 17M. It is estimated that the brewery will create at least 80 jobs.

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
The owners of the Nevele Hotel property in Ellenville announced plans to redevelop the iconic resort into a $100 million world-class destination sports facility. The project would include 750 video lottery terminals, synthetic turf fields, indoor aquatics center and a full array of technology to attract talented amateur athletes from the metropolitan area and upstate New York. Nevele would still need approval from the State in order to operate the VLTs. The company believes that those video terminals would be necessary in order to make the venue successful.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**
MacQuesten Development is spearheading a $31.5 million, affordable housing project at 130 Mount Vernon Avenue in Mount Vernon. The 11-story complex, known as The Modern, will be built a block away from the Mount Vernon West Metro-North train station. It will include 80 affordable rental apartments and the ground floor would
incorporate a retail component, as well as 9,300 square feet of space that will be set aside for offices and community space. The project, part of the transit oriented renewal of the downtown Mount Vernon corridor, is expected to create more than 200 temporary construction jobs and more than 100 permanent jobs. The city hopes that this project will help transform a gritty industrial and commercial area into a mixed-use residential neighborhood.

The City of Mount Vernon and Grace Community Development Corporation recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Grace Terrace affordable housing development for seniors at 125 S. Fifth Avenue. Grace Terrace will bring a total of 283 housing units (with 150 for seniors) to the city. The first phase of the project will be the construction of a 67-unit affordable housing development for seniors which will be ready for occupancy in June, 2016. The $18.6 million project is expected to create a total of 252 construction jobs, four full-time and two part-time positions.

Simone Development Cos., will spend $35 million to restore and expand the historic Boyce Thompson building into an 85,000 square-foot mixed-use redevelopment complex. The developer’s planned 20-month construction project will restore the original character of the Georgian revival building, while adding a two-story, 18,000 square-foot building to the south end of the existing structure. No job numbers were announced.

White Plains Hospital has recently signed a lease for a 50,000 square-foot office building on East Post Road. The hospital will relocate about 150 back office administrative workers, including its finance operations, medical records, public relations and development staff. Post Road associates, the owner of the building, will undertake a $6 million renovation of the facility. The Westchester Industrial Development Agency granted Post Road Associates $329,250 in tax benefits. It is estimated that the project will create 50 temporary construction jobs and 200 permanent jobs.

April 2015

Dutchess County
Nothing to report.

Orange County
Crystal Run Healthcare, a multi-specialty medical group, will open its 66,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art medical facility in the Town of Newburgh. The medical care provider expects to create more than 200 jobs, with annual salaries ranging from $40,000 to $150,000. Crystal Run has been expanding its presence in the Hudson Valley and beyond. The company has 32 locations in the region and is scheduled to break ground, this summer, on the construction two 70,000 square-foot facilities, in the Town of Monroe in Orange County and in West Nyack in Rockland County.
Primo Sports has applied for tax breaks to support the construction of a sports complex in the Town of Chester. Primo plans to close its Florida facility and expand on 26 acres off of Route 94 between Tetz and Glenmore roads in Chester. The plan calls for a 61,875 square-foot, multi-sport building, with a 31,500 square-foot turf field. The project will create an estimated 67 temporary construction and 15 permanent jobs, with annual salaries ranging from $21,000 to $70,000.

Valley Agriceuticals, a company started by a team of healthcare and cannabis industry leaders, is proposing to build marijuana cultivation and processing facility on a 100-acre agricultural parcel in the Town of Wallkill. The proposal, which pledges to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue, is an early contender in the high-stakes competition to grow and distribute medical marijuana. Last year, New York became the 23rd state to legalize medical cannabis. State Health Department officials plan to award up to five licenses to organizations that will grow and sell the drug.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory will run an international program that sends scientists across oceans to unlock earth’s mysteries. Lamont – under the auspices of Columbia University’s Earth Institute - was awarded a $35 million, five year contract by the National Science Foundation to manage the International Ocean Discovery Program – a collaboration of 26 nations to explore the earth’s geologic history. No job numbers were announced.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Ulster County
Firstsource Solutions, a global outsourcing company based in India, has openings for 30 new data-entry professionals. Firstsource occupies an office at the former IBM building on Grant Avenue in the Town of Ulster. The company handles various business processes, including data correction work for its health-care insurance clients. The starting pay is $9.75 an hour, plus benefits.

Westchester County
Muse Paintbar, a venue that mixes socializing with painting lessons, will open on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains at the former Cheeburger Cheeburger location. The company has several locations in the New England area, including facilities in West Harford and Norwalk.

May 2015

Dutchess County
Nothing to report.
Orange County
Sol-Lite, a family-owned manufacturer of portable solar panels, is exploring the possibility of opening a manufacturing facility in either Newburgh or Texas. The recent increase in important tariffs to 200% on Chinese solar panels is creating a problem for Sol-Lite customers in the United States. Sixty five percent of the company’s customers are located in the U.S. and twenty five percent are in Germany. The project could potentially create about 16 new jobs.

St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital, a not-for-profit community health system with more than 1,300 employees, will expand its Case Management Department. The office will grow from 23 case managers to 40 positions, the majority registered nurses. The additional positions will be filled by a combination of internal promotion and new hires. The average salary is about $41.36 per hour.

USAI, L.L.C. plans a $6.5 million expansion project at its New Windsor facility where it manufactures LED lighting. Once completed, the company plans on hiring 100 new employees, while retaining 134 existing ones.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
1547 Critical Systems Reality, a national data center developer, recently opened its new 232,000 square-foot facility in Orangeburgh. No job numbers were announced.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Ulster County
Nothing to report.

Westchester County
Construction begins on a new 66-unit rental complex called “The Loft at Saw Mill.” The $34 million project sits on 7.45 acres off of the Saw Mill River Parkway on Saw Mill River Road. The project received $679,780 in financial incentives from the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency. It is expected to create 100 construction jobs over an 18-month period.

June 2015

Dutchess County
Vassar Brothers Medical Center has proposed what could be the largest construction project in the history of the city of Poughkeepsie. Vassar Brothers, the flagship hospital of Health Quest, announced plans to build a seven-level, 696,000 square-foot impatient pavilion with 264 private rooms for medical and surgical patients, 30 intensive-care rooms and a rooftop helipad for medical transport. The $466 million project will be financed with private hospital funds and
hospital bonds. The hospital has filed a certificate of need with the state Department of Health and expects to gain the required approval by May 2016. The 2 ½ year construction phase of the project is expected to create about 300 to 400 jobs, with the pavilion opening by January 2019.

**Orange County**

AmerisourceBergen, a pharmaceutical sourcing and distribution services company will invest $39.3 million to build a state-of-the-art distribution center in the Town of Newburgh. The facility will be built on Corporate Boulevard, off Route 17K, across from Stewart Airport. AmerisourceBergen will receive up to $1 million in performance–based Excelsior Jobs Program Tax Credits from the Empire State Development and in return has agreed to hire 121 new employees in the next two years and maintain those staffing levels through at least 2025. The company operates 26 distribution centers and four specialty distribution centers in the U.S.

(update) Angry Orchard, a hard cider manufacturer, broke ground on its new 60-acre facility in the Town of Montgomery. The new facility has the support of Empire State Development, which contributed $175,000 in Excelsior Tax Credits in exchange for an agreement from Angry Orchard to hire at least seven full-time employees through 2018 and invest $9.1 million in the new facility. Owned by the makers of Samuel Adams, the Boston Beer Co., Angry Orchard, which launched in 2012, has quickly expanded to gain the top-selling spot in the burgeoning hard cider industry. As part of the deal with Angry Orchard, the family will continue to cultivate the orchard and retain all jobs associated with caring for and harvesting the land.

(update) JCA Hospitality L.L.C. announced plans to build a 95-room Home2 Suites by Hilton Hotel in the Town of Wallkill. The $10 million hotel will create 24 permanent jobs with an annual salary range of $24,000 to $90,000. Owners Chat Patel and Jacob Kriney are seeking tax incentives from the Orange County Industrial Development Agency.

Nowak Properties Inc. announced plans to build a 108-room hotel off Route 6 in the Town of Wawayanda. The owners of the project are seeking a sales/use tax exemption of about $300,000 and $1,125,000 property tax abatement over 10 years. The hotel will employ about 19 people with annual salaries ranging from $20,000 to $65,000.

Orange Regional Medical Center has begun construction on a $99 million expansion in the Town of Wallkill that will include a five-story medical office building and a single-story cancer center. Both new buildings will be connected to the existing hospital. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2016. The hospital and state Dormitory Authority have closed on $70 million in tax-exempt bond that will finance the bulk of the project. The rest of the money will come from capital fundraising program, equity contribution from ORMC and outstanding 2008 bond proceeds from the hospital construction. The existing hospital, which cost $350 million to build, opened on August 5, 2011.

**Putnam County**

Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**

Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**

Nothing to report.
Ulster County
Nothing to report.

Westchester County
The long-abandoned Boyce Thompson Institute in Yonkers, which had been abandoned for 40 years, is being redeveloped into an 85,000-square-foot mixed-use complex with office and medical space, restaurants, banking and retail stores. The original building will be restored and a new 18,000-square-foot addition will be attached to the south end of the building. A new and separate 15,000-square-foot, two-level freestanding glass and aluminum building will go up at the corner of Executive Boulevard and Executive Plaza, for either medical or business use. The $35 million project is expected to take 20 months, including renovation of the existing structure. No job numbers were announced.

July 2015

Dutchess County
Arnoff Moving & Storage is planning an additional expansion to meet the growing demand for its services. The company offers services in moving and storage, packing and shipping, antique furniture restoration, art storage, rigging and records management. It has immediate needs for at least 10 drivers for its Dutchess County location. For every new driver employed, it creates a need for two additional helpers. The pay for the drivers begins at $15 to $22 per hour and helpers start at $10 to $14 per hour.

Hudson Heritage, a $200 million project that would transform the 156-acre Hudson River Psychiatric Center property into a hub of commercial and residential facilities, is one step closer to reality. The developers and town officials have signed an agreement that lays out a broad plan beginning with the demolition of nearly every building, in addition to extensive environment clean-up work. EFG/DRA, the developers behind the project, will need regulatory approvals. It is estimated that the project would create about 450 temporary construction jobs and a large number of retail/service jobs at the various businesses that would be attracted to the facility.

Hopewell Sportsdome Ventures L.L.C. recently purchased a 33-acre parcel on which it plans to build an air-supported dome called “Sports Kingdome” in the Town of East Fishkill. The facility will be used by athletic organizations that want all-weather, year-round space for games, practice or tournaments. Special non-sporting events may also be held occasionally. Construction is scheduled to begin within a month, with an opening slated for late 2016 or early 2017. When open, the complex will employ between 75 to 100 people.

The Landing of Poughkeepsie, an assisted-living facility with openings for independent living and for residents needing memory care, recently opened for business in the Town of Poughkeepsie, creating about 100 jobs with job titles including license practical nurses, cooks, waitstaff and servers, dishwashers, sales assistants, maintenance technicians, housekeepers, receptionists, drivers, and activity directors, as well as memory care and dementia program specialists.
**True North Hotel Group**, a hotel development firm, has begun construction on a dual Marriott hotel project with a $28 million investment. One is a 91-room Residence Inn and the other is a 75-room SpringHill Suites. Both properties are scheduled to open in the summer of 2016. No job numbers were announced.

**Orange County**
**Carib-South Airways**, a new cargo airline has set up shop at Stewart International Airport. The company recently announced its presence as a cargo-only service provider, specializing in trades between New York and Caribbean nations. Carib-South Airways will fly fresh fruits and vegetables to Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Puerto Rico and return from the islands with fresh fish which is in demand here. The airliner is scheduled to begin flights in late July or early August and will employ about 12 people. **Isomedix**, a company that sterilizes medical supplies, was recently approved by the Orange County Industrial Development Agency for financial incentives to construct a second facility in Chester. Isomedix employs about 110 employees and plans to add 25 new jobs to its existing workforce at the new 61,000 square-foot facility.

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**
**Usheco, Inc.**, a manufacturer of custom molded plastic parts is launching a new product this fall and, as a result, the company has job openings for CNC operators. Usheco anticipates the need to hire at least 5 machine operators, along with assembly and shipping staff after the launch of the Plant Air Purifier.

Plans for a 101-room **Holiday Inn Express**, is in the works for Lake Katrine. The project will receive tax breaks from the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency. No job numbers were announced.

Construction has begun on a **Residence Inn by Marriott** in the Town of Ulster. The four-story extended stay hotel will rise 92 feet and have 92 rooms. The project was approved last year by the town Planning Board and will receive tax breaks from the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency. No job numbers were announced.

**Westchester County**
Nothing to report.
August 2015

**Dutchess County**
Nothing to report.

**Orange County**
**Crystal Run Healthcare**, a multi-specialty medical group, recently celebrated the grand-opening of its new 66,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art medical facility in the Town of Newburgh. The medical care provider is expected to create more than 200 jobs, with annual salaries ranging from $40,000 to $150,000. Crystal Run has been expanding its presence in the Hudson Valley and beyond. The company has 32 locations in the region and is scheduled to break ground this summer on the construction of two 70,000 square-foot facilities in the Town of Monroe (Orange County), and in West Nyack (Rockland County).

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**
**Allways East Transportation, Inc.** has recently won the transportation contract for the Rhinebeck Central School District. The Yonkers-based transportation company was awarded the contract for home-to-school transportation, and for field trip and sports trip transportation. The company has been providing services to Dutchess County since 2004, and will be expanding its services to the Spackenkill Union Free School District, and to Dutchess BOCES.

The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency recently approved financial incentives for the construction of the 123,000-square-foot distribution facility in Yonkers at the former Tuckahoe Motor Inn site. **FedEx Corp** will receive up to $2.33 million in sales tax exemptions on construction materials and temporary tax abatement. The $121.2 million regional distribution center is expected to create 43 new jobs; 38 full- and part-time jobs will be relocated from existing FedEx distribution center in the Bronx.

**Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.**, the state’s largest biotechnology employer, has recently signed a 9-year lease expansion for 116,200 square feet of office and laboratory space at its headquarters at the Landmark at Eastview, in the Towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant. The expansion deal is separate from the company’s $100 million construction project that will add more 300,000 square feet of laboratory and office space in two buildings rising on the Mount Pleasant side of the campus, scheduled to be completed this year.

**O’Connor Davies L.L.P.**, an accounting and advisory firm headquartered in New York City, has recently signed an agreement to extend the lease for its Westchester County office and to expand
its office space by about 10,000 square feet. The company, founded in 1891, has been a tenant at the Empire State Realty Trust property since 2001 and employs more than 500 professionals at nine offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland.

Construction on Rivertowns Square, a $150 million mixed-use development, is underway in Dobbs Ferry. The new 17-acre shopping center will feature a hotel, a movie theater, restaurants, boutiques and a 5-story apartment building with 202 units. Under the Westchester County guidelines, ten percent of the apartments will be allocated for affordable housing. Rivertowns Square is scheduled to be completed in 2016, and will create about 650 temporary and permanent jobs. The complex is already 80 percent pre-leased, according to Saber Dobbs Ferry Associates LLC., the developer behind the project.

Saltaire Oyster Bar and Fish House, a nautical theme eatery owned by restaurateur Les Barnes, is scheduled to open its doors by the end of August 2015. The 7,200 square-foot eatery will feature a 100-seat dining room, a 50-seat bar, as well as a private room that can seat 65 people. The menu will include grilled octopus, red snapper ceviche, sea scallops sliced with greens and salts and 10 to 12 daily variety of oysters. No job numbers were announced.

### September 2015

**Dutchess County**

Northern Dutchess Hospital is constructing an 86,500 square-foot facility as part of its expansion plan. The new facility will include 40 new patient rooms and six new operating rooms with the latest technologies. No job numbers were announced.

**Orange County**

Jointa Lime Co. announced plan to build a hot mix asphalt plant with space for recycled asphalt and a truck loading area in the Town of New Windsor. Jointa has been operating a temporary plant in New Windsor since July, 2013. No job numbers were announced.

**United Natural Foods, Inc.**, a leading distributor of natural, organic and specialty foods is looking to fill 30 job openings at its facility in Montgomery. The company has current openings for 10 drivers with a pay rate of $21 per hour and 20 selectors with a pay rate of $14.50 per hour.

Zumtobel Lighting in Highland announced plans to invest $6.4 million to upgrade its manufacturing facilities and to boost research and development of the next generation of lighting fixtures, connected lighting solutions and employee training. The company will receive up to $1.9 million in performance-based grants and tax incentives from Empire State Development. The state incentives include a $900,000 capital grant from the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council and $290,000 in Excelsior Jobs Program Tax Credits. In return, Zumtobel will maintain about 202 jobs through 2022.

**Putnam County**

Nothing to report.
**Rockland County**

*New Planet Energy*, along with local developer MBC Contractors, announced plans to build a waste-to-energy plant on Holt Drive in the Town of Stony Point. The project is expected to create about 400 to 500 temporary construction jobs and 100 to 125 permanent jobs when completed. While the project has been welcomed by Stony Point officials as a major addition to its tax base, neighboring town officials from Haverstraw and Clarkstown have expressed their concerns about traffic congestion and environmental issues such as air and noise pollution.

**Sullivan County**

Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**

*Selux Corporation*, a global company that manufactures a comprehensive range of high-quality architectural light fixtures, is expanding its facility in Highland. The custom lighting manufacturer, which grew by 35 percent last year, is adding 3,000 square-feet to the machine shop, 9,000 square-feet to the warehouse and a new showroom building. The company plans to add 10 additional factory workers, in addition to some electrical engineers.

**Westchester County**

*Lennar Multifamily Communities L.L.C.* was recently approved for tax incentives for its $275 million mixed-use development project in downtown White Plains. The Westchester County Industrial Development Agency recently approved the national housing developer for approximately $14.5 million in tax exemptions for the project, which will include 95,600 square feet of retail space and 756,000 square feet of residential space with 707 rental apartments in two 24-story towers. Lennar has estimated that the project will create 2,895 temporary construction jobs and 72 permanent jobs.

*Modell’s Sporting Goods*, the New York City-based retail chain with five locations in Westchester County is expected to open a new store in Mount Kisco. No job numbers were available.

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*Robison Oil Corporation*, a company that supplies natural gas and electricity, delivers clean-burning biofuel, and services and install, all types of heating and air-conditioning systems is looking to expand its workforce at its headquarters in Elmsford. The company
RXR Real Estate Development Corporation, in a joint venture with Rising Development, announced plans to build a 442-unit high rise apartment building in downtown Yonkers. In addition to the apartments, the plan calls for 40,000 square foot of ground floor retail and restaurant space. The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency has approved an incentive plan for the project. The site was designated a priority project by the state’s Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council and was awarded $1 million in assistance from the state’s Empire Development Corporation. RXR Real Estate Development will be the lead partner in the project in Larkin Plaza, which overlooks Van Der Donck Park and is within walking distance of the Yonkers train station. The multi-million dollar project is expected to create an estimated 250 permanent jobs when completed.

Sunshine Children’s Home and Rehabilitation Center, a nursing facility that specializes in the care and treatment of medically complex children who require post acute rehabilitative care, announced plans to expand its facility in the Town of New Castle. The expansion plan, which was approved by the state Department of Health last year, will increase the size of the complex from 19,000 square feet to 146,000 square feet, while adding some new medical equipment and improvements to visitor rooms and classroom space for the facility’s on-site school. The $30 million project will allow the healthcare provider to add 92 employees to its existing workforce, increasing the center’s staff to 187.

October 2015

Dutchess County
SouFun Holdings, Inc., a Chinese real estate company, recently purchased the New York Military Academy in Cornwall at an auction in US Bankruptcy Court in Poughkeepsie. The company paid $15.825 million for the 126-year-old facility, which it intends to keep open as a college preparatory school. The company will likely retain the current staff.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie has been granted a “certificate of need” by the New York State Department of Health to build its new patient pavilion. Vassar Brothers, the flagship hospital of Health Quest, will build a seven-level, 696,000 square foot building that will feature 264 private medical/surgical patient rooms and 30 critical care rooms. The new facility will also feature an emergency department/trauma center with 66 treatment rooms, parking for ambulances and the public, new operating rooms, a cafeteria and a conference center. Ground breaking for the $466 million project is schedule for July, 2016 with a grand opening by January, 2019. Financing for the multi-million dollar project will come by way of hospital funds and hospital bonds. The project is expected to create between 300 to 400 construction jobs. Once operational, the medical center is likely to offer job opportunities in various healthcare specialties.
Orange County
Clemson Bros. Brewery will open Middletown’s first brewery since the prohibition era. The new operation contains a seven-barrel system and anticipates producing 1,000 barrels in its first year. The company created 20 jobs and anticipates creating about 100 more jobs if their plans to start bottling at the site come to fruition.

PharmaCannis, Orange County’s medical marijuana research and development facility in Hamptonburgh, is under way after receiving state approval. The $18 million, 125,000 square-foot facility will be used for research and development, as well as manufacturing. The company will dispense in Albany, Bronx, Erie and Onondaga counties. PharmaCannis operates another facility in Illinois. No job numbers were available.

The On Force Solar company will transformed the former Monroe town landfill into a large solar farm. The project will also feature a solar education center for students. No job numbers were announced.

Tuxedo Farms, a residential and commercial development project, is underway in the Town of Tuxedo. The project will bring nearly 1,200 homes to the market, with prices ranging from $450,000 to $1.5 million. The project will also include a 37,000 square-foot YMCA, a grocery store, a Village Green, parks and playgrounds. No job numbers were announced.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
Crystal Run Healthcare recently celebrated the groundbreaking for its new 70,000 square-foot medical center in West Nyack. The facility will be the company’s first location in Rockland County and it will include multiple specialties, an urgent care clinic, an infusion center and diagnostic testing services including a clinical laboratory and diagnostic imaging. Crystal Run operates more than 30 medical facilities in the Hudson Valley and lower Catskill region. The medical care provider is also scheduled to open another 70,000 square-foot facility in the Town of Monroe (Orange County). The company plans to hire 250 employees at the new facility in Rockland County.

Time Nyack, a 133-room, four-story hotel is scheduled to open in December, 2015. The “lifestyle” hotel with a stylish, loft-like setting and amenities has begun to book rooms. Average rates run from $189 to $229 per night. No job numbers were announced.

Sullivan County
Thompson Cinemas will reopen for business in early spring, according developer James Kula. The $8 million, four screens theater has been going extensive rehabilitation including a new roof and expanding the building from 11,500 square feet to 16,480 square feet and adding two more screens. No job numbers were announced.
Ulster County
Bread Alone recently opened its newest and largest store in Lake Katrine. The new 26,000 square-foot bakery and café created about 60 jobs.

Westchester County
RXR Real Estate Development Corporation, in a joint venture with Rising Development, announced plans to build a 442-unit high rise apartment building in downtown Yonkers. In addition to the apartments, the plan calls for 40,000 square foot of ground floor retail and restaurant space. The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency has approved an incentive plan for the project. The site was designated a priority project by the state’s Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council and was awarded $1 million in assistance from Empire State Development. RXR Real Estate Development will be the lead partner in the project in Larkin Plaza, which overlooks Van Der Donck Park and is within walking distance of the Yonkers train station. The multi-million dollar project is expected to create an estimated 250 permanent jobs when completed.

November 2015

Dutchess County
Nothing to report.

Orange County
Crystal Run Healthcare recently celebrated the groundbreaking for its new 70,000 square-foot medical center in Monroe. Crystal Run operates more than 30 medical facilities in the Hudson Valley and lower Catskill region. The medical care provider is also building a 70,000 square-foot facility in West Nyack in Rockland County. The company plans to hire 250 employees at the new facility in Orange County.

Orange County is one of two areas in the running for a Legoland Resort, according to County Executive Steven Neuhaus. County officials have been in constant communications with the Legoland representatives and are hopeful at landing the theme park. The project is expected to generate several hundred job opportunities both in construction and when the facility is operational.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
Nothing to report.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Ulster County
Nothing to report.
Westchester County

Comrie Enterprises, L.L.C. plan to build a multi-million dollar mixed-use complex at 20 S Second Avenue in Mount Vernon. The estimated $100 million project, dubbed “Library Square” will include 249 units, with retail and community spaces. The developer is still waiting for approval from the city’s zoning, planning and architectural review board. No job numbers were announced.

Costco has recently been granted approval by the Yorktown town Planning Board for its proposed store on Crompond Road. The 151,000 square-foot store will be constructed on the site of a former hotel nestled between the Taconic State Parkway and the Bear Mountain Parkway extension. The plan for the store was first proposed in 2009, but faced opposition from the community and the site’s previous owner. The Yorktown location will be the membership-only warehouse retailer’s 4th store in Westchester County when it opens in 2016. Costco maintains stores in Yonkers, New Rochelle and Port Chester. The big-box retailer also has a store in Nanuet in Rockland County.

Harrison Playhouse Lofts Apartment Complex, a luxury apartment proposal targeted for millennials and empty-nesters, is scheduled to go up at the former site of Harrison Cinema in Harrison. The $18 million project will feature a six-story, mixed-use facility with retail on the ground floor and 42 residential units above, along with a 52-space underground parking garage. No job numbers were announced.

Lowe’s will open its first store in Westchester County at the Ridge Hill shopping center in Yonkers. The home improvement chain was recently issued a site-work permit for clearing and preparing the five-acre parcel for the new store. Lowe’s would still need another permit to actually start construction of the building. The North Carolina-based home improvement and appliance company currently operates two Rockland County stores - in Nanuet and in Clarkstown. Although no job numbers were announced, a typical Lowe’s store employs between 120 to 150 employees.

Modell’s Sporting Goods plans to open a new store on E. Main Street at the former site of a Borders Books and Music store in Mount Kisco. No job numbers were announced.

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals announced plans to invest $150 million to expand its facility at the Landmark at Eastview in Mount Pleasant and create 300 new jobs. The pharmaceutical giant recently celebrated the completion of a previous expansion that added two new buildings with lab and office space to the company’s headquarters. Empire State Development will provide $5 million in additional tax credits for the upcoming expansion, which will include 192,000 square feet of lab and office space and a 400-space parking garage.

VillaBXV, a $60 million, 54-unit condominium building, is scheduled to go up in Bronxville. The Mediterranean style facility will feature a 24-hour concierge, a fitness center, an outdoor garden and rooftop terraces. The condos will include one, two and three-bedroom units and penthouses that will run from $1 million to $3.6 million. No job numbers were available.
**December 2015**

**Dutchess County**

**Bellefield at Hyde Park** is the recipient of a $2.25 million grant from the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council. The $94 million mixed-use development project has two phases. The first phase will feature two hotels with a total of 250 guest rooms, a 15,000 square-foot conference center, one freestanding restaurant, a 15 square-foot spa and 48,000 square feet of leased retail space and other amenities. The second phase will include the construction of about 500 units of housing. It’s estimated that phase one will create about 550 construction jobs and 369 permanent jobs with an average pay of $16.22 per hour.

**Northwestern Mutual**, a financial planning firm, plans to open an office in Poughkeepsie. The company intends to recruit 15 financial advisors in 2016 for the Hudson Valley office. Northwestern Mutual also plans to recruit 12 students from local colleges for their internship program.

**Orange County**

**Related Companies**, a privately-owned real estate company in the U.S. announced plans to build nearly 1,200 homes in the Town of Tuxedo in Orange County. The real estate development, dubbed **“Tuxedo Farms”**, will feature residential properties, ranging from cottages and townhouses to manor and estate homes, with prices ranging from $450,000 to $1.5 million. One, two and three bedroom rentals are also planned. Tuxedo Farms will also be anchored by a 37,000 square-foot YMCA. No job numbers were announced.

**Restaurant Depot**, a Queens-based national wholesaler of dry foods, fresh meats, fish and commercial equipment to small restaurants, caterers, and non-profit groups, announced plans to open a new location in the Town of Newburgh. The 62,300 square-foot warehouse will be built on a 9-acre site behind the Ramada and Super 8 hotels on Route 300. The facility will employ between 40 and 50 people.

**Putnam County**

Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**

**Industry Realty Group L.L.C.**, a Los Angeles-based company, recently closed on its $39.45 million acquisition of most of the developed portion of the 550-acre Pfizer Inc. campus in Pearl River. The developer plans to turn the Pearl River site into a mixed-use, multi-tenant campus that would include residences and a hotel. The deal, which has been in the works for two years, will allow Pfizer to retain 25-acres and about 500,000 square feet of office and laboratory space at the southern end of the property for research and development. Pfizer will also lease back about 1.2 million square feet from IRG for its production operations under short-term and long-term leases. No job numbers were announced.
Ulster County
The developer for Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park was recently issued the necessary permit by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to proceed with the $365 million expansion of the facility. The Belleayre Resort will have two distinct components: the Wildacres Resort, which will feature a 250-room hotel and an 18-hole golf course, and Highmount Spa and Resort, a 120-unit hotel with spa facilities, as well as 53 fractional ownership units.

Health Quest will open a new medical office that will provide primary care, gynecology, obstetrics and rheumatology services at Kingston Plaza. Health Quest is spending $1.8 million to renovate the space and is scheduled for a grand-opening in February, 2016. No job numbers were announced.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Westchester County
DeCicco & Sons recently opened its sixth store in the Hudson Valley Region. The 25,000 square-foot store, in the Town of Larchmont, has a full-service craft beer and wine bar and an upstairs dining area. The family-owned gourmet grocer has several stores throughout the Westchester County area, including stores in Ardsley, Armonk, Brewster, Scarsdale, Harrison, Cross River and Jefferson Valley, and in New City in nearby Rockland County.

iFLY Holdings, L.L.C. recently opened its 13th location in the U.S. at the Ridge Hill complex in Yonkers. The company has 38 locations in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia. No job numbers were announced.

Valterra L.L.C. will acquire the former Frank’s Nursery property from the Town of Greenburgh for $3.5 million and build an 80 to 100-unit assisted living facility at the site. No job numbers were announced.

BUSINESS CONTRACTIONS FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY REGION

January 2015

Dutchess County
Nothing to report.

Orange County
Nothing to report.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.
**Rockland County**

**Cambridge University Press** filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will lay off 42 workers at its U.S. headquarters and distribution center in West Nyack, starting April 30 through June 30, 2015.

**Pfizer** filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on January 15, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The pharmaceutical giant will lay off 50 people at its facility on North Middletown Road in Pearl River.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**

**JC Penney** filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on January 6, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will close its store at the Hudson Valley Mall in Kingston, laying off 72 workers. The layoffs are expected to take place on April 7, 2015.

**Westchester County**

**Hugo Neu Recycling, L.L.C.** filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on January 28, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will lay off 27 employees at its facility in Mount Vernon, on May 30, 2015.

**MYPublisher, Inc.**, a pioneer in the personalized photo book industry filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will lay off 47 workers at its plant in Elmsford, starting May 1 through July 31, 2015. In April 2013, MYPublisher was acquired by California-based Shutterfly for an undisclosed amount.

**Wet Seal**, a teen clothing retailer, announced plans to close 338 stores, about two-thirds of its locations. As a result, 3,700 full- and part-time employees will lose their jobs. The company operates several stores in the region.

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**February 2016**

**Dutchess County**

**Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union** announced plans to close its City of Poughkeepsie branch at the Civic Center Plaza in June, once its lease expires. No job numbers were announced.

**Orange County**

**Hudson Valley Lighting** is aborting its plan to build a $16 million facility on a former landfill in the City of Newburgh. Owner David Littman and Newburgh officials confirmed that the high-end lighting company’s decision to abandon a planned 140,000
A square-foot facility on the state-designated Brownfield site could mean that the company will leave the city. Technical problems associated with building on a contaminated property and harsh winter weather conditions have caused delays which, in turn, have left little time for HVL to finish tax credit eligible work before the Brownfield program expires at the end of the year. The expansion had called for Hudson Valley Lighting to expand its workforce from 180 to 230.

**Windmill Distributing Company, LP** filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will close its warehouse on Bracken Road in the Town of Montgomery and lay off 159 employees. The plant closing comes in the wake of Windmill Distributing’s merger with Bronx-based Manhattan Beer Distributors, which was announced in December. Windmill will also lay off another 499 employees at its facility on Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn. The affected employees in Montgomery area are represented by the Soft Drink and Brewery Workers Teamsters Local 812.

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**
The **Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School** in White Plains announced plans to close the school in July 2015, at the end of the school year. The Sisters of the Divine Compassion, the religious order that operates the school, had been looking for a new location since listing their current 16-acre campus, on North Broadway, which also housed their elementary school, up for sale. Unfortunately, they were unable to find a suitable and affordable location for the high school, but were able to find a location for the Good Counsel Elementary School at the former Holy Name of Jesus Elementary School in Valhalla. No job numbers were announced.

**March 2015**

**Dutchess County**
Nothing to report.

**Orange County**
Nothing to report.
**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
Novartis Pharmaceuticals filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor, in anticipation of a mass layoff. The pharmaceutical giant will lay off 89 workers at its plant in Suffern, in preparation for the plant’s closure in 2016. The layoffs will occur over a 14-day period, beginning June 30, 2015. The Swiss-based company announced last year that it would eliminate or transfer its 525 employee workforce at the plant, demolish the facility and sell the property by 2017.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**
Phoenix House Westchester Academy filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor, in anticipation of a mass layoff. Phoenix House will close its facility on Stoney Street in Shrub Oak and lay off about 56 employees. The layoffs will occur on or about June 3, 2015.

**April 2015**

**Dutchess County**
Nothing to report.

**Orange County**
Nothing to report.

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.
**Westchester County**

**Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School** filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The catholic school located on North Broadway in White Plains, will close on August 31, 2015 and lay off about 48 employees.

**St. John’s Riverside Hospital** in Yonkers filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The hospital will close the **Michael Malotz Skilled Nursing Facility** at 120 Odell Avenue and lay off about 226 employees beginning July 1, 2015. The 120-bed nursing facility offers its residents 24-hour care, seven days a week.

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**STRIKES AND LABOR DISPUTES**

A federal judge has ruled in favor of Tappan Zee Contractors (TZC), the builder of the New NY Bridge (Tappan Zee Bridge), sparing it about $7.3 million in labor costs. The court ruling allows TZC to use union carpenters instead of Dockbuilders for formwork and column construction.

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**May 2015**

**Dutchess County**
Nothing to report.

**Orange County**
Nothing to report.

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**

**A’Mangiare**, an Italian trattoria and pizzeria at 121 E. Main Street in Elmsford, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as it seeks to reorganize its finances. The Italian eatery is a chain of three restaurants with locations in Bronxville and Pleasantville.
STRIKES AND LABOR DISPUTES

A group affiliated with a labor union on the New NY Bridge (Tappan Zee Bridge) project has filed a complaint against Tappan Zee Constructors, accusing it of failing to make obligated contributions to multiple worker benefits funds.

The federal complaint, filed on May 7, is the second labor-related lawsuit the bridge builder is facing. Last month, TZC prevailed in a $7.4 million wage dispute against the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. In the latest civil action, officials for five funds tied to the carpenter union claim TZC owes $187,186.37, plus interest and other fees, from April 8, 2013, through August 10, 2014. The money is used to fund pensions, annuities, journeyman retraining and charitable causes, among others.

The lawsuit claims TZC was required to make contributions to the funds, even though the union couldn’t provide qualified workers for certain types of work on the project. In this case, TZC used union iron workers. TZC also would have been obligated to pay the fund if it brought in non-union workers.

June 2015

Dutchess County
Mount Kisco Medical Group has filed a WARN notice the NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The medical group will eliminate 109 jobs in its billing department on August 30, 2015. The layoffs will be spread out across five offices in Dutchess County (Fishkill 27; Rhinebeck 6; Poughkeepsie 1), and Westchester County (Chappaqua 71; Mount Kisco 4).

Orange County
Nothing to report.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
Novartis Pharmaceuticals indicated that the fifth phase of its planned layoff at the Suffern facility in Rockland County will involve 21 employees. No set date has been announced for the layoffs, which are now planned for some time in 2016.

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals announced that it will be laying off another 23 employees, 19 of them unionized, from its Pearl River plant. The layoffs are to occur by the end of July 2015.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Ulster County
Nothing to report.
Westchester County
Gap announced plans to close 175 stores in North America. The majority of the stores to be closed are in the United States. The company will also eliminate about 250 corporate jobs at its headquarters in San Francisco and in New York and other locations nationwide. Gap operates several stores throughout the region and no announcement has been made in regards to them.

July 2015

Dutchess County
Durham School Services filed a WARN notice with NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company lost the contract with the Spackenkill United Free School District, Dutchess County BOCES and Rhinebeck School District. Durham School Services will lay off 76 employees at its Poughkeepsie facility, beginning October 15, 2015.

Orange County
Nothing to report.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
Nothing to report.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Ulster County
Nothing to report.

Westchester County
Nothing to report.

August 2015

Dutchess County
Nothing to report.

Orange County
Nothing to report.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.
**Rockland County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**
A&P, a grocery chain with stores across the country has filed for bankruptcy protection, for the second time in less than five years. The New Jersey-based chain owns nearly 300 stores in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, under the names A&P, Food Basics, Food Emporium, Pathmark, Super Fresh, Waldbaum’s, and Best Cellars. According to the filing, the company has arranged for the sale of about 120 stores to local competitors ACME, Stop & Shop, and Key Food. The sale will help the company raise cash to pay off creditors, to whom it owes about $2.3 billion. A&P operates more than 30 stores in the region, most of which have been sold.

**Kraft Heinz Food Company** filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on August 11, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company announced plans to cut 2,500 jobs companywide, affecting about 129 employees at its facility in Tarrytown.

**Liberty Healthcare Corporation** filed a WARN notice with NYS Department of Labor on August 31, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company’s contract with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation to provide health care professionals was recently terminated and as a result, about 199 employees at the Westchester Behavioral Health Center will be laid off. The layoffs will begin on November 30, 2015 or within 14 days of that date.

**San Mateo Construction** filed a WARN notice with the New York State Department of Labor on August 20, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company recently loss its contract with Consolidated Edson and as result will lay off 90 employees at its White Plains office by August 31, 2015.

**Thompson Reuters**, a media and information company headquartered in Manhattan, filed a WARN notice with the New York State Department of Labor on August 20, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will close its office in Valhalla, laying off 17 employees and relocating the remaining 19 employees to its New York City and Stamford offices.

**September 2015**

**Dutchess County**
**GlobalFoundries** is offering voluntary buyouts in order to reduce its U.S. workforce at its Fab 8 computer chip manufacturing plant in Malta and at recently acquired IBM semiconductor manufacturing plants in Dutchess County and in Vermont. This voluntary buyout is part of a cost-savings measure the company is taking in order to achieve a more competitive cost structure while the industry is in a downturn. According to anonymous sources within the organization, the buyouts are not expected to
dramatically impact employment at the company’s Fab 8 chip plant in Malta. Rather, GlobalFoundries hopes the buyouts will reduce the number of legacy IBM employees. GlobalFoundries also recently announced plans to reduce its workforce at its plant in Germany by about 20 percent. The facility in Dresden, Germany has a workforce of about 3,700 employees.

**Orange County**

New York Military Academy has closed its doors for good and is up for auction. The financially strapped private boarding school, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March 2015, will be auctioned off at the end of the month for a minimum bid of $9.5 million.

**Putnam County**

Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on September 15, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will lay off 54 employees at its facility in Suffern. The layoffs will occur over a 14-day period, commencing on December 31, 2015.

**Sullivan County**

Nothing to report.

**Ulster County**

Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**

AT&T filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on September 14, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The communication giant will lay off 42 employees on November 20 at its White Plains office.

**October 2015**

**Dutchess County**

GlobalFoundries, the computer-chip maker, has laid off about 150 workers total in New York. The job cuts will include 75 workers at the East Fishkill plant in Dutchess County and another 75 workers at its plant in Malta in Saratoga County. The Abu Dhabi-owned company, which acquired the East Fishkill and Vermont plants from IBM, announced in October, 2015 that it planned to cut a small number of jobs in the U.S., including New York. These involuntary cuts, although limited, comes on the heels of the voluntary buyouts that the company had offered in the hopes of reducing the number of legacy IBM employees. GlobalFoundries employs an estimated 3,500 employees at its plant in Malta and about 2,000 employees at the East Fishkill facility.
Orange County
Continental Organics, the aquaponic fish and greens farm, has filed for bankruptcy and plans to liquidate its assets. The company listed assets of $2.3 million against liabilities of $9.7 million in documents filed recently with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Poughkeepsie. No job numbers were announced.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
A $325 million proposed project that would have converted the former Letchworth village property in Thiells into a Legoland amusement park initially, followed by a water park and hotel, was turned down by the Town of Haverstraw’s town board. The multi-million project was expected to create about 600 construction jobs and 1,000 new jobs, once operational. The project was on the top list of projects supported by the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council and was scheduled to receive $3.1 million in funding. Merlin Entertainments, the owner/operator of the Legoland theme parks, expressed disappointment in the town’s decision but stated that it was still interested in building a third Legoland in North America.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.

Ulster County
Nothing to report.

Westchester County
Nothing to report.

November 2015

Dutchess County
Nothing to report.

Orange County
Nothing to report.

Putnam County
Nothing to report.

Rockland County
Nothing to report.

Sullivan County
Nothing to report.
**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Westchester County**
*New York Life Insurance Company* filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on November 10, 2015 in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will lay off 23 employees at its Sleepy Hollow office between March 4 and September 23, 2016.

*PepsiCo* laid off several employees at its offices in Westchester County but unfortunately no information has been released as to the total number of layoffs or the location.

*Sodexo, Inc.* filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor in anticipation of a mass layoff. The company will lay off 38 employees at its dining services at Catholic Foreign Mission in Maryknoll. The layoffs will occur on January 15, 2016.

*Touchstone Health HMO* will wind down operations at the end of the year, ending coverage for more than 10,000 members. The White Plains insurer informed its members in NYC and Westchester and Orange Counties that they were no longer enrolled, beginning January 1, 2016. No job numbers were announced.

**December 2015**

**Dutchess County**
Nothing to report.

**Orange County**
Nothing to report.

**Putnam County**
Nothing to report.

**Rockland County**
*Novartis Pharmaceuticals* filed a WARN notice with the NYS Department of Labor on December 8, 2016 in anticipation of another round of layoffs. The pharmaceutical giant will lay off 60 employees during a 14-day period commencing on March 31, 2016 and ending on or about September 30, 2016. The latest round of layoffs comes on the heels of 54 employees that were laid off between December 31, 2015 and January 13, 2016.

**Ulster County**
Nothing to report.

**Sullivan County**
Nothing to report.
Westchester County
Nothing to report.