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NYSTAR ADDS TWO NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS **[New Members Add Strength to Board](#)**

Russell W. Bessette, M.D., Executive Director of the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR), today announced that the State Senate confirmed Richard A. Lippe and Erland E. Kailbourne as members of NYSTAR's Advisory Council.

"We are pleased that the Senate has confirmed Mr. Lippe and Mr. Kailbourne," Governor George E. Pataki said. "They are both talented and experienced people and their work with NYSTAR will help make New York State the premier location for high-technology research and economic development."

Mr. Lippe is a senior partner in the Mineola-based law firm, Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Schlissel, P.C. Mr. Lippe is a founder and a member of the Board of Directors and acts as General Counsel to the Long Island Software and Technology Network, a non-profit organization of 800 companies dedicated to fostering the growth of computer software and other high technology companies on Long Island.

Mr. Lippe sits on the Board of Directors of a number of Long Island technology companies, including The Collaborative Group Ltd., [MyDocuments.com Inc.](#), OmniCorder Technologies Inc. and TheBuyersNet.com LLC.

Mr. Kailbourne is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fleet National Bank (New York Region). He is currently Chairman of the John R. Oishei Foundation in Buffalo, and a Director of many companies including Adelphia Communications Corp., Albany International Corp., Bush Industries Inc., Rand Capital Corp. and Statewide Zone Capital Corp.

Governor George E. Pataki appointed Mr. Lippe and Mr. Kailbourne.

"Mr. Kailbourne and Mr. Lippe are welcome additions to NYSTAR's Advisory Council," Dr. Bessette said. "Their business and high-technology know-how will be of great use to NYSTAR."

The NYSTAR Advisory Council will provide policy advice and recommendations on science, technology and academic research to the Governor, the Legislature and the agency. It also will work with NYSTAR to ensure that they State's funding is directed toward areas of high-technology research and development that offer the best chance of economic success and job creation.

The first initiatives the NYSTAR Advisory Council will focus on are the newly announced \$95 million NYSTAR Capital Facility Program and the \$7.5 million NYSTAR Faculty Development Program. These programs will result in the creation of several world-class, state-of-the-art research centers, the modernization of existing research centers and the attraction and retention of world-class researchers in New York.

NYSTAR's Advisory Council is made up of high-profile academic, business and scientific community leaders. The Governor, the Senate and the Assembly appoint council members. Council members drawn from the public are expected to have at least five years of scientific or entrepreneurial experience with technologically oriented business. Two additional Advisory members will be named in coming months.

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