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James L. Seward

## Mohawk Valley Jobs On The Rise

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FRANKFORT, 01/30/14 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced that a \$250,000 economic development grant he secured is assisting with equipment purchases and job creation at DeIorio’s in Frankfort.

**“DeIorio’s is a Mohawk Valley staple and the continued growth of this manufacturing pioneer here at home is tremendous news,”** said Senator Seward. **“This legislative grant is a key ingredient that is helping put DeIorio’s dough in more ovens, while preserving and adding jobs that could have gone out of state without this and other state grants.”**

The legislative grant obtained by Senator Seward is being used to assist in the addition of new production lines and the replacement of out-dated refrigeration units with an energy-efficient model. The equipment upgrades allow DeIorio's to add new product lines and increase employment.

DeIorio's Chief Executive Officer Rob Ragusa said, "Our expansion is completed and we recently added over 40 jobs. We would not been able to do this without the help of Senator Seward and others. The addition of the new production lines is already bearing fruit as we have added seven customers since the project was completed."

Along with Senator Seward's legislative grant, DeIorio's has also received grant funding through Empire State Development along with low-cost power through the Recharge New York program.

**"Manufacturing jobs are once again on the rise in the Mohawk Valley and DeIorio's is a major reason why. This project will enhance our region's reputation as a manufacturing center and help serve as a foundation for future growth,"** Seward concluded.

DeIorio's is a manufacturer of frozen dough products located in the Town of Frankfort. The company was founded in 1924 as a baking business with coal-fired brick ovens. DeIorio's line of dough products can now be found in eateries and full-service restaurants nationwide. One of the biggest users of their signature dough ball is Famiglia Bros., who is the provider of this product to Yankee Stadium for their pizza.