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## **OC Gov't., Chamber Announce "Buy Local" Initiative** ***Informational Program will Explain County Procurement Needs and Process***

**Montgomery** – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and Orange County Chamber of Commerce President Dr. John D'Ambrosio were joined by elected officials, County Government and Chamber representatives, and Chamber members for the announcement of the County's new "Buy Local" initiative. The program, which builds on the Chamber's long-running "Buy Local First" campaign will give Chamber members improved access to information regarding the County's procurement needs for goods and services.

"This unique program is the latest in the Chamber's efforts to encourage people to do business locally," said Dr. John D'Ambrosio, Chamber President. "We are very fortunate that County Executive Diana and the Office of General Services are 100% behind the idea. General Services Commissioner Jim Burpoe and his staff have gone out of their way to develop a program that directly benefits the local business community, and our members will benefit enormously."

County Executive Diana added, "Orange County Government is committed to economic development and supporting the success of the businesses in our community. When business is conducted between local companies, 68 cents of every dollar spent stays within the community. That's good news for the vendors and good news for the people who live here. Through our "Buy Local" initiative we hope to keep as much as possible of the County's significant buying potential within the County," continued Mr. Diana.

"As the economy continues to lag, it behooves us as elected officials to do whatever we can to help stimulate business for local companies. The County's "Buy Local" initiative will be a win-win for all who take time to learn more about it and get involved," said Orange County Legislator Patrick Berardinelli Sr., Chairman of the Legislature's Education and Economic Development Committee.

Chamber members are invited to a special seminar that will explain the "Buy Local" program, as well as County procurement procedures and guidelines, on Tuesday, August 16 from 9 -11:00 a.m. at the Orange County Emergency

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Services Center at 6 1/2 Station Road in Goshen. Commissioner Burpoe and other representatives of County government will explain how local businesses can find out what products and services are needed, as well as the best ways to go about submitting proposals to acquire the business. The initiative will also include a special online link and notification system for County procurement of goods and services.

The seminar is free, but reservations are required. To reserve a spot, contact Roseann at the Orange County Chamber of Commerce at 845-457-9700, [roseannb@orangeny.com](mailto:roseannb@orangeny.com) or registering online at [www.orangeny.com](http://www.orangeny.com).

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