

County Treasurer Participates in National Manufacturing

“Montco Made” Manufacturing Conference Slated for November

Montgomery County Treasurer Jason Salus joined an estimated 50,000 participants across the country on October 3rd participating in National Manufacturing Day 2014. Since its inception in 2012, this nationwide event has grown exponentially. Nearly 1,600 manufacturers opened their doors to provide tours of their facilities and offer presentations about American manufacturing.

Salus, along with members of his staff, visited Montgomery County manufacturer The Rodon Group. This third-generation family business is housed at an impressive 125,000 square foot facility located in Hatfield, PA and specializes in producing high volumes of injection molded small plastic parts, including billions of parts each year for the K’NEX toy brand.

The theme of National Manufacturing Day at The Rodon Group this year was “Manufacturing Tomorrow’s Future.” Michael Araten, President and CEO of K’NEX Brands and The Rodon Group, highlighted the growing trend of reshoring and the increase in innovation and competitiveness in domestic manufacturing. “It was fascinating to visit with Michael and his team to discuss the future of American manufacturing and witness firsthand the innovative technology that they have harnessed to increase efficiency and precision in their business. The future of manufacturing in Montgomery County and across the country is on the rise and The



Treasurer, Jason Salus and First Deputy Bill Caldwell touring The Rodon Group facility.

Rodon Group is a leader in this important effort,” said Salus.

Salus also highlighted the reshoring trend of creating domestic manufacturing jobs and noted that Araten, along with President and CEO of the Reshoring Initiative Harry Moser, will be participating in the first “Montco Made” economic development conference for

Montgomery County manufacturers hosted by the Montgomery County Industrial Development Authority (IDA). As a member of the IDA’s Board of Directors, Salus is helping organize the conference, which will highlight financing incentives for Montgomery County manufacturers. “I look forward to continuing this important conversation with a larger group of man-

ufacturers and nationally-recognized leaders in reshoring as part of our ‘Montco Made’ conference next month. Working together we can create good, family-sustaining jobs and grow Montgomery County’s economy.” said Salus.

The conference will be held on November 6th, at the Montgomery County Community College.

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