

## **News Release**

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# **Manufacturers Pursue Pro-Active Agenda Hire Trantum As Executive Director**

(June 17, 1999) The Manufacturers Association of the Jamestown Area (MAJA) announced today that they have hired Todd Trantum as their Executive Director. Mr. Trantum served as the Interim Executive Director of the Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers Association and the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation since October of 1998.

“We are seeking to be pro-active in addressing the specific needs of the manufacturing community.” stated Jay Churchill, MAJA President. “We will continue and expand upon our collaborative efforts with the Chamber of Commerce, elected officials and the economic development organizations in our area. Our goal is to unify and strengthen the voice of the manufacturing community. Todd has proven to be a strong leader advocating for the needs and concerns of manufacturers.”

“The Manufacturers Association has been in existence since 1900 and has been a positive force bringing millions of dollars in economic development funds to the area,” stated Harold Andersen, President/CEO of Phoenix Metal Fabricating and a MAJA Past President. “MAJA has been effective in addressing the needs of our communities manufacturers. Todd has brought positive change to the community and through his efforts MAJA will remain a strong advocate for our areas manufacturers.”

“Manufacturing is the economic back-bone of our community,” stated Trantum. “I look forward to working with our board and membership in an effort to pursue strategies to strengthen our areas manufacturing base. It will be a priority to continue to work in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and our areas elected officials. Our county has a great future and I believe it will take all of our collective efforts in a true partnership to build a stronger community.”

Trantum is a native of Chautauqua county and a graduate of S.U.N.Y. Fredonia. Trantum moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1994 where he worked for the Mayor of Phoenix and for Grossfeld/Severns, Inc., a media consulting firm based in Tempe, AZ. Trantum returned to the area in February of 1998. Upon returning to Jamestown Trantum served as the Executive Director for the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation and then the Interim Executive Director for the Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce. Trantum currently resides in Jamestown.