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## **PAETEC Awarded Grant for Job Creation, Expansion**

Empire State Development, Upstate Chairman Daniel Gundersen today announced that a \$250,000 grant was committed to PAETEC of Fairport, New York.

The \$250,000 grant will be used to support the costs of acquiring new office space. With a growing demand for the company's services, they need to add 50 positions to their staff. However, their current facility in Fairport is at capacity and additional space was needed in order to house the 50 new employees.

"This is our fourth job creation project with PAETEC since 1999," stated Upstate Chairman, Daniel C. Gundersen. "In the case of this particular project, PAETEC could have also expanded its operations to its facility in North Carolina. But, we wanted to keep them here, in Upstate New York. So we made it our mission to provide them the assistance they needed to remain in Fairport."

PAETEC personalizes business communications for businesses, enterprise organizations and institutions across the United States. They offer their customers a comprehensive suite of IP, voice, data and Internet services, as well as enterprise communications management software, network security solutions, and managed services.

"PAETEC is one of Monroe County's greatest entrepreneurial success stories and a tremendous economic engine for our community," said Monroe County Executive Maggie

Brooks. “PAETEC’s continued success puts our community on the map as a leading center for innovation and high-tech business growth. I want to thank CEO Arunas Chesonis for his ongoing investment in our local economy and for creating more good jobs in Monroe County.”

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