

## Manufacturers Association becomes Unshackle Upstate partner

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The Manufacturers Association of Central New York has joined the Unshackle Upstate coalition of businesses as a partner, officials announced Monday.

“The addition of MACNY further cements our organization’s position as the leading voice for upstate taxpayers and job creators,” Unshackle Upstate’s Rochester-based executive director Brian Sampson said in a statement.

MACNY represents 350 businesses and 55,000 workers in the Syracuse market, officials said. Its members include manufacturers and related businesses in the financial, legal, engineering and supplier segments.

“We are delighted to have MACNY and its members as an Unshackle Upstate coalition partner,” said Sandra Parker, president and CEO of coalition member the Rochester Business Alliance Inc. and an Unshackle co-founder.

“MACNY brings to Unshackle a wealth of knowledge about issues affecting upstate businesses, and a Central New York presence that will strengthen our voice in Albany.”