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## Detroit Renaissance

Serving as champion, advocate and catalyst for economic growth in Detroit and the Region.

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## Detroit Renaissance and State's Leaders Stand Together for One United Michigan

Detroit Renaissance has joined a coalition of statewide leadership from the labor, education, government, business, faith-based, and non-profit communities to defeat Proposal 2, an amendment to our state's constitution that would eliminate affirmative action policies in state and local governments.

One United Michigan is co-chaired by Heaster Wheeler (NAACP), Debbie Dingell (Michigan Democratic Party) and Paul Hillegonds (DTE Energy). The initiative has garnered broad support and participation from civic, community and government leaders and organizations including New Detroit, the UAW, Michigan Catholic Conference, National Association of Women Business Owners, Governor Jennifer Granholm and Mr. Dick DeVos, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Sherrif Michael Bouchard, and many more.

Proposal 2 rolls back the positive steps Michigan has made in addressing the inequities faced by women and people of color. The amendment would eliminate high school programs that encourage girls and minorities to enter math and science careers. It would ban housing and lending programs to ensure women and minorities are treated fairly when buying homes and applying for loans. In California, lawsuits were filed to end state funding for battered women shelters and breast, prostate and cervical cancer screenings after a similar law was passed.

Click here to get involved in the One United Michigan campaign. <http://www.oneunitedmichigan.org>

## Detroit Regional Economic Partnership to Lead New York Trade Mission

The Detroit Regional Economic Partnership, along with strategic allies NextEnergy, Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Automation Alley, Ann Arbor SPARK, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties, are embarking on a New York Trade Mission as a part of the CleanTech Venture Forum.

The events presenter, CleanTech Venture Network LLC, helps drive the growth of clean technologies globally through members who invest in promising new companies, provide thought leadership and are launching new initiatives and creating policy at the national and regional levels. The New York CleanTech Forum brings together more than 500 top companies, investors and thought-leaders for two days of networking and ideas exchange.

The partnership's goals during the forum are to:

- Raise awareness of the Detroit Region, within the Venture Capitalist community, as a fertile place to invest,
- Raise awareness of the Detroit Region, among Clean Energy companies, as a supportive place to expand and grow,
- Meet with companies that represent investment potential for Southeast Michigan, and
- Bring the CleanTech Venture Forum to Detroit.

Click here for more more information about the CleanTech Venture Forum. <http://cleantech.com>

**Southeast Michigan Businesses Invited to Join  
Automation Alley Trade Mission to China**



Automation Alley's International Business Center (IBC) is accepting applications for Southeast Michigan companies to participate in a trade mission to China this autumn. Scheduled for November 1 - 15, 2006, the trade mission will bring area businesses to the cities of Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Guangzhou and Shanghai.

"China's economy represents huge investment and growth opportunities for Southeast Michigan businesses," said Noel Nevshehir, director, Automation Alley International Business Center. "With a rapidly growing economy and foreign reserves of nearly \$900 billion, we feel China offers great potential for Southeast Michigan companies."

As a result of a partnership between Automation Alley's IBC, the State of Michigan's Shanghai office and U.S. Commercial Service offices around the world, companies will have an opportunity to meet with pre-screened business contacts representing a variety of industries including automotive components; alternative energy technologies; machine tools and metalworking equipment; environmental and pollution control equipment; and information technology and software applications.

The last Automation Alley trade mission to China took place in 2002, and resulted in more than \$18 million in signed contracts for participating businesses. In addition, the mission led to technology licensing agreements, strategic alliances, and the export of products and services from Southeast Michigan.

Click here for more information on the China trade mission.  
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