

## Chamber's Lyn Taylor retiring

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Lyn Taylor, who has spent 17 years with the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, and in 2002 became president, said this morning she will retire at the end of the year.

Taylor joined the chamber in 1991 as program manager for the Business Maintenance Organization, a precursor to its Entrepreneurial Assistance Program, then served as executive vice president from 1995 to 2002.

In January 2002, she succeeded Wallace Altes as president.

"It's hard to think of Tech Valley and other regional initiatives without Lyn Taylor coming to mind," said Richard Kotlow, CEO of UHY Advisors NY Inc. in Albany and a former chamber board chairman. "As a board member, I have also seen Lyn behind the scenes as she led significant public initiatives while maintaining the chamber's strong financial position for the future.

"She's leaving the chamber excellently positioned for the future," he added.

Mike Hickey, current chamber chair and president of Pitney Bowes Software in North Greenbush, said that while "we all will find a way to move on without her," Taylor "will never be replaced and she surely will be missed."

"Lyn has done an incredible job bringing people and organization together on a collaborative basis," said F. Michael Tucker, president and CEO of the Center for Economic Growth, a nonprofit regional economic development organization with its office in Albany. "Her contribution to the region's economic development infrastructure will benefit us for years to come."

A national search firm, Jorgenson Consulting, has been hired to find Taylor's successor.

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