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Comment:

The Museum Association of New York and the Community it Serves As the only statewide organization dedicated to promoting the health of the states diverse, world-class museum community, the Museum Association of New York (MANY) is a key information and networking resource. Founded in 1962, MANY is nationally recognized for programs and services addressing legislative and policy issues, trends, and capacity building. The states 1,900 museums are repositories of our culture and symbols of our collective, intangible wealth as a society and a civilization. The scale and scope of these institutions also allows New York to be culturally competitive internationally. They annually employ 17,000 people and they generate more than \$1 billion into the states economy each year. In fact, the New York State Bureau of Labor Statistics projects museum employment to grow by 3.1% until 2016. Museums and Energy Consumption By their nature, museums and heritage organizations are large energy consumers. Even without the recession, museums throughout the state struggle with the high cost of energy. Specialized environments for the preservation and protection of collections require constant climate control and security systems. Many museums struggle with historic properties that require customized energy solutions or aging equipment that is not energy efficient and is costly to replace. In addition, the states museums do not have access for maximizing the opportunity to reduce electricity or natural gas costs through wholesale purchases of energy. MANY seeks opportunities to partner with the New York State Public Service Commission, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the New York Power Authority to examine the energy needs of the states museums and to develop programs to assist museums in managing their power costs through energy efficiency improvements, competitive or bulk purchasing, and/or buying green electricity at reduced rates.