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Meet Your Policymaker Day

Wednesday, February 29th, 11:30am: Our boardmembers braved the snow and met at the *Empire State Plaza's Concourse Level Cafeteria:* near LOB Security (see map).

We discussed the latest news about policy and bills. Right now the picture is not very pretty and it was our job to put solar on the front burner. The NYSES team travelled around the LOB halls together and dropped in on elected representatives on the energy committees.

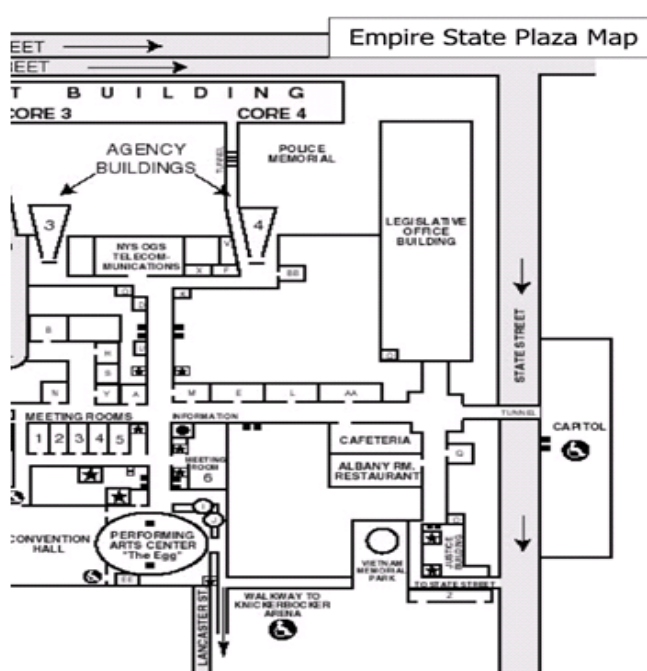
This was a *traditional* "Lobby Day". Because we are a 501(c)(3), we do not "lobby", we "educate"! Finding your elected representative's office is important. One visit with the staff gives a face to the name.

For *Lobby Day* Events: NYSES will consider awards and present them at public ceremonies to legislators that do an exceptional job of promoting and expanding solar installations in New York State.

Other NYSES News: Pradeep Haldar's group at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) was recently awarded \$57MM from the U.S. Department of Energy to perform R&D work to improve CIGS module performance.

Event: "Zero Energy Buildings and Retrofit of Existing Buildings to Net Zero Buildings", *March 28, 11:30am - 4:30 pm:*. Highly energy-efficient buildings are the focus of this new restaurant's joint inaugural event for NYSES & ASME. Please come and hear six speakers in Albany at the new Brazilian Cafe!

Meet Your Policymaker Day: Meetup Map



Member & non-member cost: \$45.00. Please RSVP wylدون1@gmail.com and utilize paypal at www.nyses.org or pay by check or cash at the door. All the speaker names and their bios and specifics are on the NYSES site under "Events".

Event: ASES National Convention: Denver, Colorado, May 13th – 18th, 2012 (Wylدون attending).

Please also check-out <http://www.SolarEXPOjam.com>. If you take a booth, be sure to say you heard about it from NYSES, as we will get a commission!

Lastly, Boardmember *Michael Roach* announced the release of his completed "*Micro Grids*" concept website, <http://www.MicroGridHorizons.com>. This technology compliments Smart-Grid technology promoted by utilities, including National Grid's. NYSES has plans to feature Michael at an event in the near future.