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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS ANNOUNCES ROCHESTER PRECISION OPTICS IS BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced that Rochester Precision Optics, LLC (RPO) has been named Monroe County's "Business of the Month" and is featured on Monroe County's website, [monroecounty.gov](http://monroecounty.gov). RPO manufactures precision molded and machined optics and optical components.

*"RPO's acquisition of a portion of Kodak's manufacturing assets has positively impacted our local economy by recovering lost jobs and maintaining our region's manufacturing capabilities,"* said **Monroe County Executive Brooks**. *"I am proud to have such a remarkable company here in Monroe County and I thank Bill Hurley for his continued commitment and investment in our community."*

RPO was founded by William Hurley in 2005 after purchasing the assets of Eastman Kodak Company's precision glass manufacturing unit. Since the acquisition, RPO has hired back 40 former Kodak employees. RPO considered relocating to New Hampshire, but decided to stay local after considering Monroe County's highly-skilled work force and competitive incentives provided by New York State, Monroe County, and RG&E.

*"We considered moving the equipment and jobs to New Hampshire, but the government and private incentives offered, along with the tremendously talented work force already in place, convinced us to continue to do business in Monroe County,"* said William Hurley, President, RPO.

RPO occupies a 65,000 square foot facility at 850 John Street in Henrietta. RPO has invested nearly \$16 million in site improvements and equipment. Today, RPO employs over 120 people in Monroe County and has added 16 new jobs in 2010.

New York State has led the world in optics and imaging for over 100 years. More than 62,000 New Yorkers work in this industry with half concentrated in the Rochester and Finger Lakes region.

For more information on Rochester Precision Optics, please visit their website, [www.rpoptics.com](http://www.rpoptics.com).

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