Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko recently visited the Long Island Forum for Technology (LIFT)'s Morrelly Center for Homeland Security in Bethpage. LIFT was founded in 1976 as a non-for-profit economic development organization intended to develop technology and science industries on Long Island.

"LIFT has a state-of-the-art homeland security hub and is currently implementing cutting edge programs to stimulate innovation on Long Island and bring markets to technology clusters. I thank the President, Frank Otto, and Executive Director, Bill Wahlig, for their proven efforts to commercialize technology, which will have a direct economic impact on the entire region," said Supervisor Mark Lesko.

"Brookhaven Supervisor Lesko's visit with LIFT was extremely productive - providing us an opportunity to discuss and share ideas for creating the kinds of environments that spurs business growth and job creation on Long Island," said LIFT Executive Director Bill Wahlig, "We greatly appreciated the Supervisor's encouragement and support for LIFT to better reach the small businesses in Brookhaven. LIFT looks forward to hosting events and conferences in the Town very soon."

LIFT President Frank Otto said, "After our meeting with Supervisor Lesko it was obvious to us that he is a strong believer in TBED (Technology Based Economic Development), which is what LIFT is all about. We reviewed a number of initiatives that we currently have ongoing with Long Island manufacturers and assured the Supervisor that we would work with his economic development staff to enhance manufacturing in the Town of Brookhaven. LIFT has agreed to hold its Summertime Networking Event on July 26 at Beach Club Estates in the Town of Brookhaven. We look forward to working with the local manufacturers so that they can meet existing LIFT members and hear first hand the exciting initiatives that LIFT has on going to help the LI manufacturing community."

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