Private investment increases manufacturing, creates additional jobs in Brookhaven

**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Mark Lesko recently visited the facility of Long Island Precast to tour the company's 25,000 square foot expansion, which was completed this month and will provide 20 new jobs to the area. The expanded facility allows for the local production of materials that often are made out of state and brought to Long Island. The Bellport-based company opened in 1985 and constructs concrete precast products including drainage and utility structures, catch basins, manholes, noise barriers, and industrial shielding. Clients of Long Island Precast include numerous municipalities and companies throughout the area, including Brookhaven National Laboratory and Stony Brook University. The project cost over $3 million and was privately funded through the Suffolk Federal Credit Union with assistance from the Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency.

"We welcome Long Island Precast's expansion in Brookhaven. The additions to their facility will provide more jobs to our residents and will continue the growth of manufacturing on Long Island. Manufacturing is the most significant wealth-producer of any economic sector, but has steadily been on the decline in our region. Long Island Precast is a bright spot in an uncertain economy and I will continue to ensure that Town of Brookhaven remains a healthy environment for businesses to thrive," said Supervisor Mark Lesko.

Long Island Precast President Michael Verruto said, "All of us at Long Island Precast are thankful for the support of Supervisor Lesko and the Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency. The additions to our manufacturing facility have enabled us to add new employees and to develop new markets, even during difficult times."

The Town of Brookhaven's Business Advisory Council recently released its Second Annual Survey of Brookhaven Businesses, which polled 153 small businesses on the temperature of the Long Island, Brookhaven, and National economies. Although confidence was down and businesses are concerned about national issues, the survey found that over 80% of respondents believe Brookhaven is a positive location for business and over 90% plan to keep their business here. To visit the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council's website, visit www.brookhavenbac.com.

**About the Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency**

The Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency provides incentives to facilitate the acquisition, construction, reconstruction and equipping of commercial and industrial projects in the Town of Brookhaven to create jobs. Projects may be eligible for financing and tax incentives. The Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency has been pro-active in not just attracting and retaining businesses, but also focusing the private sector on redevelopment. For more information about the Brookhaven IDA, please call Lisa Mulligan at (631) 451-6563 or visit their website at http://www.brookhavenida.org/.