

**Director of Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology to represent Alfred University at regional meeting
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Alan Rae

Dr. Alan Rae, interim director of the Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology at Alfred University, will be among the panelists exploring Western New York's assets at a June 13 event hosted by FuzeHub, which provides New York State manufacturers with "guided access" to the state's "extensive network of industry experts, programs and assets to solve productivity, commercialization, research and development issues, and other challenges to growth."

The focus of the June 13 meeting will be the assets available through NYSTAR, Empire State Development Corporation's division of Science, Technology and Innovation. Matt Watson, director of NYSTAR, will welcome participants to the session, to be held at the New York State Center of Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, 701 Ellicott St., Buffalo.

Rae will join Jeffrey Dunbar, director of technology transfer at the University at Buffalo's (UB) Center for Advanced Technology in Big Data and Health Sciences; Norma Nowak, executive director of the UB Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences; Mark Swihart, executive director of the UB Center of Excellence in Materials Informatics; Ben Rand, president of Insyte Consulting; Thomas Murdock, manager of Incubator Network, WNY Incubator Network, Fredonia Technology Incubator; Thomas Furlani, director of the Center for Computational

Research, Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences. The panel discussion is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m.

Lunch and a tour of Buffalo Manufacturing Works will follow.

Rae was named to the interim director's position at the CACT a year ago following his retirement as the executive director of IncubatorWorks, which operates incubator facilities in Painted Post and Alfred.