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East Coast **Industry** Forum

Are you interested in learning more about Advanced Manufacturing and Workforce Development?

We invite you to join our East Coast Industry Forum in Hartford, Connecticut! This conference will be an opportunity for representatives of business, government and education in Connecticut to gather together in order to discuss these new manufacturing development strategies.

Friday, October 12, 2018
UPWARD Hartford
20 Church St., Hartford, CT

Featured Topics

Advanced Manufacturing

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Workforce Development

New and better ways must be developed to train employees to meet the demands of advanced manufacturing. Current best practices including the German Dual System of vocational training will be discussed as a viable framework and adaption for U.S. manufacturing. Various models have already been implemented throughout the U.S. with successful results. The Dual System will be assessed on how it can complement existing training programs and become a value-added tool to improve skills development, product quality and a stronger economy in Connecticut.

Agenda

08:30am-09:00am	*Registration & Breakfast*
09:00am-09:15am	**Welcome & Keynote Address**
09:20am-09:35am	**Insights on Trends in Manufacturing**
09:35am-10:35am	**Panel Discussion: Advanced Manufacturing**
10:35am-11:00am	*Coffee Break*
11:00am-11:15am	**Trends in Workforce Development**
11:15am-12:25pm	**Panel Discussion: Workforce Development**
12:30pm-12:35pm	**Closing Remarks**
12:35pm-02:00pm	*Lunch & Networking*

Speakers

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This year's East Coast Industry Forum will focus on Advanced Manufacturing and Workforce Development. Hartford, CT is a vibrant location for leading industries with advanced manufacturing. Companies benefit from Hartford's central location within the Northeast corridor. One third of the U.S. economy is within a day's drive of Connecticut. Manufacturing is being revolutionized through technology innovation and digital solutions. The East Coast Industry Forum will be a platform for representatives of business, government and education in Connecticut to come together to discuss and assess these new manufacturing development strategies.

AGENDA

8:30am – 9:00am *Registration & Networking Breakfast*

9:00am – 9:15am

Welcome
Dietmar Rieg
President & CEO, German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Opening Remarks
Nicole Menzenbach
General Counsel, German Consulate General, Boston

Keynote
Dannel P. Malloy
Governor of Connecticut

9:20am – 9:35am

Insights on Trends in Manufacturing
Dr. Karen Wosczyna-Birch
Executive Director, Connecticut College of Technology

9:35am – 10:35am

Panel Discussion: *Advanced Manufacturing*

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Panelists:

Andrew Campbell
President, Eastern Millwork, Inc.

Peter Hoecklin
President & CEO, Trumpf, Inc.

Dr. Cliff Thermer
Chair of the Department of Business, Management and Advanced Manufacturing, Goodwin College

Claudia Reuter
Managing Director, Stanley+Techstars Additive Manufacturing Accelerator

Moderated by: **Dr. Karen Wosczyna-Birch**
Executive Director, Connecticut College of Technology

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10:35am – 11:00am *Coffee Break*

11:00am – 11:15am **Trends in Workforce Development**

Kurt Westby
Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Labor

11:15am – 12:25pm ***Panel Discussion:*** **Workforce Development**

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Panelists:

Dr. Christine Benz
Training & Development Manager, Trumpf, Inc.

Andrea Comer
VP, Workforce Strategies, Connecticut Business & Industry Association

Chris Dimou
President & CEO, Roto Frank of America, Inc.

Frank Gulluni
Director Emeritus, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Asnuntuck Community College

Tracy Ariel
Executive Director, Tunxis Community College

Moderated by: **Dr. Lyle Wray**
Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments

12:30pm – 12:35pm **Closing Remarks**

Speaker: Nancy Wheeler
Senior Vice President, Executive Director Investor Relations, MetroHartford Alliance

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12:35pm – 2:00pm *Lunch & Networking Reception*

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