

# NEPIRC NEWS

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## Manufacturing News from our Nation, State and Region

### National News

#### Addressing Infrastructure Needs Through Sustainable Innovation

Improving U.S. infrastructure has been a hot topic for years. However, the lack of data surrounding the durability of our roads and bridges has impeded progress. Manufacturing USA institutes seek to address these challenges through cost and energy efficient solutions while using advanced materials to achieve peak durability. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the complete article.



### State News

#### The Keystone Space Collaborative Creates Supply Chain Partners Tool

The aerospace, aviation and space exploration sectors are positioned for dynamic growth in the years ahead – and prime contractors are already looking for new supply chain partners. To catalogue supplier capabilities and create a directory of potential suppliers, the [Keystone Space Collaborative](#) (KSC) created an [Aerospace Supply Chain Ecosystem Mapping](#) tool. Small and mid-sized manufacturers are

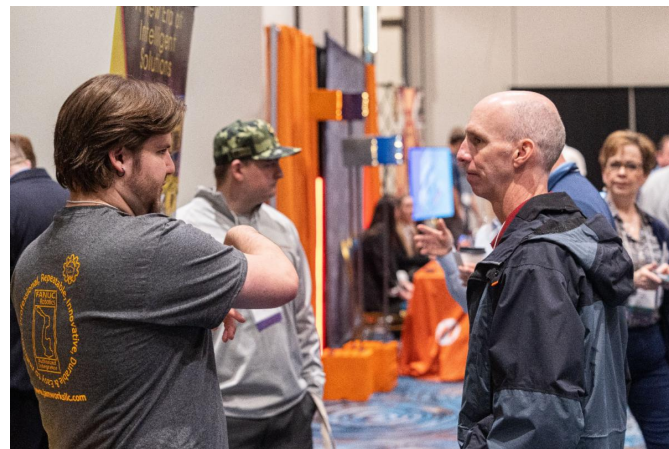
encouraged to participate in this effort by creating a **FREE** profile. Just visit <https://www.keystonespace.org/ecosystem> to build your own supplier profile, become listed within the directory and get the attention of aerospace primes!



## Regional News

### Thank You to All for Making MFG DAY a Resounding Success!

NEPIRC extends a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who made our Manufacturing Day Expo a huge success! More than 400 people gathered to celebrate manufacturing, view 70+ exhibits, hear from David Beurle of [Future iQ](#) and learn from panel discussions hosted by Michael McHale, owner of [Production Systems Automation](#), and Amy Luyster, Vice President of [The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce](#). Attendees have already heralded the event as "the best networking expo in our area – ever," and many are already lining up to sponsor or attend our next event in October. Thank you to our sponsors, exhibitors, attendees and friends – YOU made this event and its great success possible!



### MFG DAY Photos Now Available

Photos from NEPIRC's MFG DAY event are now ready for viewing! [CLICK HERE](#) to check them out.



### NEPIRC Breakout Session Slide Decks Available for Attendees

Did you attend a NEPIRC breakout session at MFG DAY and would like to request a copy of the slide deck?

Just email Chelsey Coslett, NEPIRC's Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, at [Chelsey@NEPIRC.com](mailto:Chelsey@NEPIRC.com). Please provide the name of the breakout in which you attended, and a slide deck will be sent to you.



## MFG DAY October 2022 Details Coming Soon!

Details will soon be released regarding NEPIRC's October 2022 MFG DAY event, so please keep an eye on NEPIRC's social media platforms and our email blasts. We will be offering a special discount to sponsors, exhibitors and attendees from our May 6<sup>th</sup> MFG DAY Expo as another way to say thank you for your support.

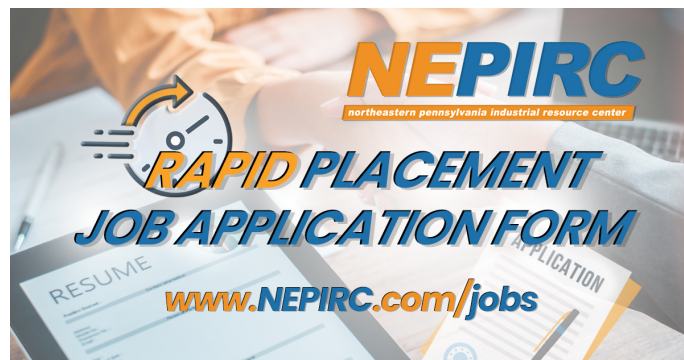


*If your company has great news you'd like us to share with our manufacturing community, please contact Chelsey Coslett, NEPIRC's Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, at [Chelsey@NEPIRC.com](mailto:Chelsey@NEPIRC.com).*

## NEPIRC News

### NEPIRC Mobilizing to Assist Displaced Preferred Meals Employees

In response to the recent announcement by Elior North America that they will be closing the Preferred Meals plant in Moosic, PA – putting 285 full-time workers out of a job, NEPIRC has announced a special campaign to quickly place those individuals within other manufacturers that are hiring. With the launch of [www.NEPIRC.com/Jobs](http://www.NEPIRC.com/Jobs), displaced Preferred Meals



employees have a website on which they can enter basic contact information, work history and manufacturing skills or certifications and immediately have their profile forwarded to hiring manufacturers located within their communities or other geographies where they desire to work.

“At NEPIRC, we take the well-being and long-term health and viability of our manufacturers AND their workers very seriously. The firms we serve are the backbone of our community and employ our families, friends and neighbors. While Elior North America and Preferred Meals in Moosic did not utilize our services – their employees matter most right now. Our efforts, through [www.NEPIRC.com/Jobs](http://www.NEPIRC.com/Jobs), supplement the assistance that our partners at the CareerLink of Lackawanna County and PA Rapid Response Office already have in motion. At times like this, we need focused and effective solutions. We're



proud to be a part of the team delivering them”, said Eric Joseph Esoda, NEPIRC’s President & CEO.

The website ([www.NEPIRC.com/Jobs](http://www.NEPIRC.com/Jobs)) contains one easy-to-complete form that individuals can use to express their background, skills and interests in their own words. Individuals who already have a resumé prepared or assembled one through the help of the CareerLink of Lackawanna County or other resource can simply attached it to an email to [Jobs@NEPIRC.com](mailto:Jobs@NEPIRC.com) as well. Once a profile is completed or resumé received, a NEPIRC professional will personally forward it to manufacturers listed on NEPIRC’s Manufacturing Job Board, which current has more than 90 participating companies. “Our goal is to get these great workers – who have proven themselves reliable, dependable and responsible – placed within a rewarding manufacturing career as soon as practical,” said Eric.

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## NEPIRC to Host OSHA 10-Hour Training Course for General Industry

Join Brian Matyjevch, Authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer, on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at NEPIRC for this course, which will provide students with an overview of the basic health and safety hazards present in the workplace. This 10-hour program also details the role of OSHA and how it operates and is designed for workers in most factories and manufacturing operations, health care industries, transportation and warehousing, chemical plants, oil and gas production operations and service industries. The OSHA 10-hour course is targeted to those already in the workforce or those looking to enter with a knowledge of workplace safety. This course is eligible for WEDnetPA funding. For more information and to register, [CLICK HERE](#).



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## NEPIRC to Offer Several No-Cost Leadership Development Sessions in August

Instructed by Leo Gilroy, this **free** two-hour session starts individuals on their journey to become stronger, more impactful leaders. While joining other managers and supervisors to discuss workplace challenges, attendees will explore topics that include self-awareness, power & authority, risk & failure and leadership style. Attendees usually go on to participate in NEPIRC’s eight-week Leadership Development Essentials Certification course upon completion of this session.



Choose from the dates below:

- Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at NEPIRC (in person only)
- Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the [Pocono Mountain Public Library](#) in Tobyhanna (in person only)
- Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the [Community Giving Foundation](#) in Berwick (in person only)
- Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., virtually via MS Teams
- Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., virtually via MS Teams

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

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## Drew Mackie, NEPIRC's Executive Vice President & CFO, Attends the Keystone Space Collaborative's Inaugural Conference

Last month, Drew Mackie, NEPIRC's Executive Vice President & CFO, represented NEPIRC at the [Keystone Space Collaborative's Inaugural Conference](#) at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. The Keystone Space Collaborative has established itself as the leading catalyst for the growth and success of the commercial space sector in the Tri-State Region (PA, OH, WV). Through awareness-building, connections and other programs that leverage the unique strengths of the Tri-State Region, the Keystone Space Collaborative will play an important role in job creation, inclusive prosperity and growth of our regional space industry.



Conference speakers included Congressman Matt Cartwright who chairs the House Appropriations Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) subcommittee that funds NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Sen. Shelley Moore Capito who is a member of the Senate Appropriations CJS subcommittee; Rep. Chrissy Houlahan; Bill Nelson, NASA Administrator; Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA Associate Administrator for Science; and Jim Reuter, NASA Associate Administrator for Space Technology. Governor Tom Wolf also provided remarks.

In addition to the dynamic keynote speakers, Drew also took advantage of the conference's plenary sessions, panel discussions and breakouts. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Keystone Space Collaborative.

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## NEPIRC Welcomes Janice Reich, CPA to its Team of Experts

NEPIRC would like to welcome Janice Reich, CPA! Janice recently joined NEPIRC as its Controller and is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Accounting Department and preparing the monthly internal financial statements. In addition, Janice is responsible for compliance reporting required by NEPIRC's governmental funding providers and operational and grant budgeting.

Prior to joining NEPIRC, Janice spent over 20 years in public accounting as an auditor specializing in nonprofit and government audits. Janice has also provided accounting services to several nonprofit organizations specializing in the human services field. Janice has thoroughly enjoyed the rewarding work that nonprofits provide to their employees. She has been privileged to see firsthand the positive impacts these organizations have on individuals and communities.



Janice holds a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Accounting from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and an Associates of Science, Accounting from Lackawanna College. She is a certified public accountant licensed in Pennsylvania.

When Janice isn't busy working with numbers, you can find her gardening, practicing yoga, in the middle of a DIY project or watching PGA golf.

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## **Marla Hager, NEPIRC's Acting Director of Client Development, to Participate in NIST MEP's Tab Wilkins Emerging Leaders Class 1.14**

Earlier this month, Marla Hager, NEPIRC's Acting Director of Client Development, traveled to Knoxville, TN for the kickoff of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) Manufacturing Extension Partnership's (MEP's) Tab Wilkins Emerging Leaders Class 1.14! Throughout the week, Marla gained a deeper understanding of the NIST MEP history, program, strategy, and leadership; participated in discussions with other MEP centers on workforce, supply chain, Industry 4.0, and how we can better serve our manufacturers; networked with other MEP centers and learned how other centers are run, what is working, and what they would like to improve upon; participated in team building activities; and gained a better understanding of advanced manufacturing through a tour of a manufacturing demonstration facility.

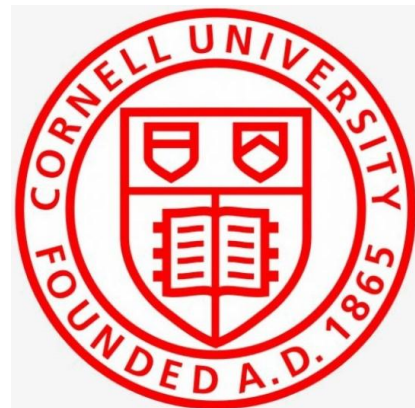


Marla is looking forward to participating in the Tab Wilkins Emerging Leaders Class so that she can learn from the other participants, bring best practices back to NEPIRC and share our best practices with other centers.

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## **Chelsey Coslett, NEPIRC's Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, Attains Brand Management Certification from Cornell University**

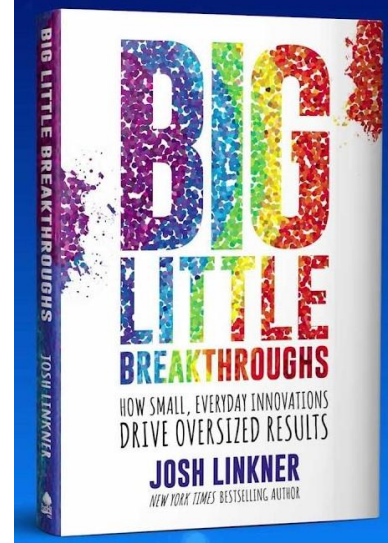
Congratulations to NEPIRC's Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, Chelsey Coslett, on attaining her Brand Management Certification through [Cornell University's eCornell](#) online learning platform! Since February, Chelsey worked diligently to complete this program and was able to incorporate the NEPIRC brand and our mission into her coursework. We look forward to having Chelsey implement all she learned into a fresh brand strategy and awareness campaign for NEPIRC.



## **Special Guest Appearance at NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club June Meeting!**

This month, NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club members are reading [Big Little Breakthroughs](#) by NYT best-selling author Josh Linkner who will join our monthly discussion on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m.! While not a regular book club meeting date, we could not pass up the opportunity to hear Mr. Linkner and get to ask him questions. If you'd like to join, it's not too late. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!





## New Business Opportunities: Companies Looking for Suppliers

NEPIRC is relaying these potential new business opportunities to manufacturers across our region:

- **Plastic Fan Base & Telescopic Pole** – Item very similar to Lasko Pedestal Fan Model 1827. Consists of a base part and pipe assembly. While the final base and pole product is nearly identical to the Lasko fan (if you Google the image), this product will be used for a lawn game recently developed by a start-up company. Total base and pole height is 38½". Base diameter 20.125 inches w/ a thickness of 3/16<sup>th</sup> inch. Material is PP5 with metal pole with plastic knob. Drawings available upon request. Demand is 2,000/year. **Shipping to York, Pennsylvania. A great PA supply chain opportunity and chance to help out a start-up company!**
- **MPC-125 Polybags** – Polybags pre-opened on a roll for autobagger machines. MPC-125 bags size 3.000 x 4.000 x 0.002. Process consists of extrusion (or cast) then printing and converting to pre-opened bags for placement onto autobagger machines. No perforations and must be able to maintain a sterile barrier. Gamma stable is desired. Must have 1 clear side and 1 white side (or clear w/ a white block). Will be pre-printed on the "white" side with part/company information. Clear side printed with lot information. Must be able to withstand Gamma radiation. Buy is 48 million bags annually at price point of \$18 per 1,000. Shipping to Harlan, Iowa. Bags shipped on plastic core (not cardboard).
- **PFA Resin for Injection Molding** – Resin pellets for injection molding process needed. Specs for resin can be found at: <https://materials.ulprospector.com/en/profile/default?e=5139>. Demand is 1,000 lbs. annually at desired price of \$50/lb. Shipping to Iowa in gaylord, supersack or boxed.
- **Lummi Sticks** – Wooden dowels struck together to produce sound. Made of spun wood – cylindrical shape w/ rounded ends. 24 sticks/set, with each set having same length sticks. Sets can come in 6", 10" or 12" sizes. Made of hardwood and must pass CPSIA safety standards for child products. Demand is for 10,000 24-stick sets/year at desired price of \$5/set. Shipped to Iowa.

Companies interested in these supplier opportunities are encouraged to contact Eric Esoda, NEPIRC's President & CEO, at [Eric@NEPIRC.com](mailto:Eric@NEPIRC.com).

**NEPIRC's Manufacturing Jobs Board**

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### **Land Your Next Employee with NEPIRC's Manufacturing Jobs Board!**

If your company is currently hiring, and you're not already utilizing NEPIRC's Manufacturing Jobs Board, then what are you waiting for? Email Chelsey Coslett, NEPIRC's Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, at [Chelsey@NEPIRC.com](mailto:Chelsey@NEPIRC.com) for more information. [CLICK HERE](#) to view NEPIRC's Manufacturing Jobs Board.

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