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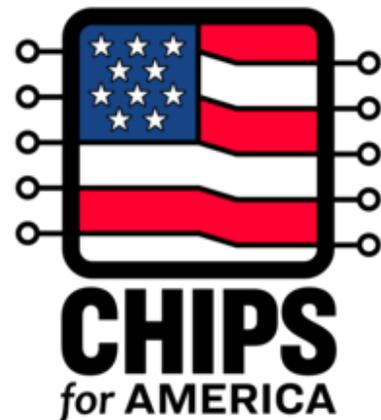
Manufacturing News From Our Nation, State and Region

National News

CHIPS for America Outlines Vision for the National Semiconductor Technology Center

[The National Institute of Standards and Technology](#) (NIST) released a paper outlining its [vision and strategy for a National Semiconductor Technology Center](#) (NSTC), a key component of the research and development program established by President Biden's CHIPS and Science Act. As outlined in the strategy paper, the NSTC has three high-level goals:

1. Extend America's leadership in semiconductor technology
2. Reduce the time and cost of moving from design idea to commercialization
3. Build and sustain a semiconductor workforce development ecosystem



[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more; you can also download this [fact sheet](#).

State News

PennTAP to Host Roundtable on Pollution Prevention (P2) for the Food Manufacturing Industry

On May 24, the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP) will host an

industry roundtable on pollution prevention (P2) for food and beverage manufacturers. It will be held at Penn State Berks (Gaige Building: 2080 Tulpehocken Rd., Reading, PA) from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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



PennTAP

Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program

It's Time to Apply for the 2023 Governor's Award for Safety Excellence

Each year, the Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Safety Excellence celebrates and recognizes Pennsylvania businesses who have made progress in safety and health.



If you're proud of your safety and prevention program for its impact on reducing employee injuries, financial savings and other achievements, please consider applying for the Governor's Award for Safety Excellence. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding prevention programs and the superior efforts that make these programs so successful. Companies can nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party.

How to apply:

- [Download the nomination form](#) and submit it by June 1
- Email completed nomination form and all attachments to RA-LIBWC-GASE@pa.gov
- Include "GASE Nomination Form" in the subject line

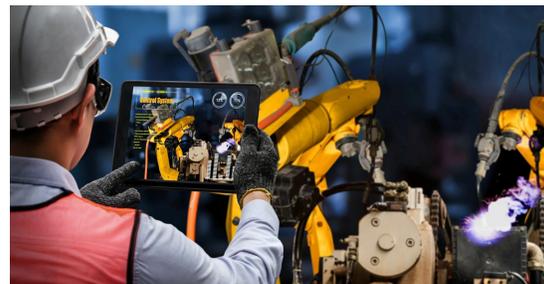
For additional information or assistance, email the GASE Program Coordinator at RA-LIBWC-GASE@pa.gov or call 717.772.1917.

Regional News

Region's Manufacturing Sector Surging to Highest Employment Level in 10 Years

Eric Esoda, NEPIRC President & CEO, was recently featured in a news article regarding the surging employment levels in northeastern Pennsylvania's manufacturing sector since the COVID-19 pandemic, which are actually at the highest in 10 years!

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the complete feature.



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.

NEPIRC News

Be Part of the Largest Gathering of Our Region's Manufacturers; Purchase Your Manufacturing Day Sponsorship Today!

Each October, NEPIRC celebrates [Manufacturing Day](#) (MFG DAY) by hosting the largest Manufacturing Best Practices Summit & Expo in northeastern Pennsylvania. Last year, the event attracted close to 400 manufacturing representatives and decision-makers and more than 70 exhibitors ([click here](#) to see photos). This year, we expect even more!



This year's event will take place on Friday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a closing networking reception from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., at [Mohegan Pennsylvania](#) (The Casino) in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The agenda will be announced soon and will include networking, educational opportunities, panel discussions, a keynote speaker from an internationally known manufacturer and some new additions for 2023.

A [MFG DAY sponsorship](#) is the perfect opportunity to put yourself in front of the largest gathering of manufacturing buyers, leaders, owners and decision makers in our region. Sponsorships for 2023 are available but going quickly, so [click here](#) to view the options. Then, contact Chelsey Coslett, Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, at Chelsey@NEPIRC.com or 570.704.0018 to lock in your sponsorship.

Manufacturing Ambassador Dream Team Website is Now Live!

Earlier this month, NEPIRC launched our [Manufacturing Ambassador Dream Team](#) website!

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit and explore the page. Once there, you'll be able to learn more about the Dream Team by watching the welcome video, scroll through photos of each Ambassador, get to know our Ambassadors by watching their introduction videos (just click on his or her photo), learn which manufacturers are involved with this initiative, request a Dream Team engagement and see the logos of our partners who have helped NEPIRC make our Dream Team a reality.



We are thrilled to launch our Dream Team website, and we hope it proves to be a great resource to allow manufacturers, school administrators, legislators, community partners and other NEPIRC stakeholders to learn about this program and how they can get involved.

If you have questions about NEPIRC's Dream Team or would like to schedule a speaking engagement, contact Jenelle Osborne, NEPIRC Dream Team Project Coordinator, at Jenelle@NEPIRC.com.

NEPIRC Dream Team Ambassadors Participate in Junior Achievement JA Inspire Career Fair

NEPIRC would like to thank [Junior Achievement of Northeastern PA](#) for coordinating an incredible JA Inspire event on April 18 at Mohegan Pennsylvania that brought over 2,000 high school students through the doors!

It was a great day that NEPIRC was proud to be part of, and it was exciting to have

Dream Team Manufacturing Ambassadors on site to talk with students about manufacturing careers and the great products made by each of their companies.

Dream Team Ambassadors included Calvin O'Boyle from [SIMONA AMERICA Group](#), Tiffany Weeks from [Hydro- Extrusion North America](#), Julia Miller from [Mitsubishi Chemical Advanced Materials](#), Jeff Tague from [CANPACK US](#), Kate Logan from [Noble Biomaterials](#), Max McCabe from [Cheetah Chassis Corporation](#) and Samantha Anderline from [Greiner Packaging](#).



NEPIRC would also like to give a special shout out to Calvin O'Boyle who made the Ring Toss game for our booth! Calvin made it by hand using the plastic manufactured by SIMONA AMERICA. The kids loved it and enjoyed friendly competition with one another. Thanks again, Calvin!

***Exploring the Topics That Matter in Manufacturing* Whitepaper Series Launches with Issue on Workplace Culture**

NEPIRC is delighted to share our first whitepaper in our *Exploring the Topics That Matter in Manufacturing* series! This issue takes a look at workplace cultures and addresses the importance of creating a positive company culture that gets and keeps employees engaged, collaborative and motivated. It also provides helpful hints and pointers on how to move your company's culture forward. It's a great read that we think you'll enjoy.



[CLICK HERE](#) or click on the image above to download your copy!

Spring/Summer 2023 Leadership Training Opportunities

Take advantage of NEPIRC's spring/summer Leadership Development training programs!

Two-Hour Leadership Development Essentials Seminar:

- Thursday, May 25, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at NEPIRC Hazleton
- Thursday, June 8, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the TekRidge Center in Jessup

8-Week Leadership Development Essentials Program

- Thursdays from July 13 to August 31, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., virtually via MS Teams



All classes will be taught by Leo Gilroy, NEPIRC's Director of Strategy & Innovation. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

May's NEPIRC Wise Words Book Club Read: *The 6 Types of Working Genius*

For the month of May, [NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club](#) is reading [The 6 Types of Working Genius](#) by Patrick Lencioni. This book offers the quickest way to help people identify the type of work that brings them joy and energy, and avoid work that leads to frustration and burnout.

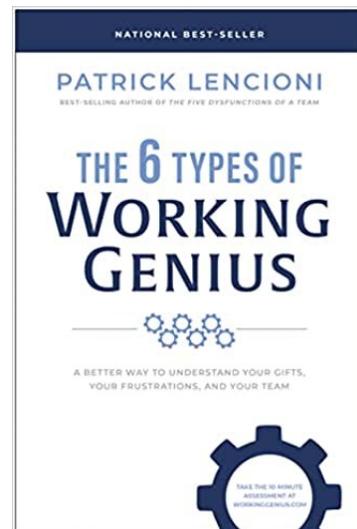
Beyond the personal discovery and instant relief that *Working Genius* provides, the model also gives teams a remarkably simple and practical framework for tapping into one another's natural gifts, which increases productivity and reduces unnecessary judgment.

In classic Lencioni fashion, the author brings his model to life in a page-turning fable that is as relatable as it is compelling. He tells the story of Bull Brooks, an entrepreneur, husband, and father who sets out to solve his own frustration at work and stumbles into a new way of thinking that changes the way he sees his work, his team and even his marriage.

What sets this book—and the model behind it—apart from other tools and assessments is the speed at which it can be understood and applied, and the relevance it has to every kind of work in life, from running a company to launching a product to managing a family.

NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 25 from noon to 1:00 p.m. via MS Teams. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up! Even if you don't have a chance to read the book, we'd love for you to join us.

If you're an avid reader looking to connect with other manufacturing leaders, then NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club is for you! To learn more, email Chelsey@NEPIRC.com.



New Business Opportunities: Companies Looking for Suppliers

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

- **Metal Part Machining Services** – Manufacturer in Horseheads, NY is seeking alternative providers of machining services for aluminum, stainless steel, titanium, nickel iron, magnesium and similar parts to tolerances of up to +/- 0.001". The service provider must have a documented Quality Management System (QMS) for maintaining material traceability. All materials will be provided by the customer. Ultimately, the parts will be used for irradiation detectors in nuclear reactors. Processes will include a mix of milling, turning, drilling, tapping and grinding to customer-provided drawings and specifications. **Great opportunity for a machine shop with excess capacity to fill customer orders.**
- **Sterile Nasal Saline Solution** – Georgia-based company searching for domestic manufacturer of sterile nasal saline solution of 0.9% sodium chloride. Manufacturer must have a robust QMS and carry FDA certifications appropriate for the product. Other specifications apply to this product, including packaging requirements in a 3.1 oz. can w/ 45mm diameter – to be provided by customer or acquired by manufacturer of saline if preferred. Additional details available through NEPIRC at email below.

Companies interested in these supplier opportunities are encouraged to contact Eric Esoda, NEPIRC's President & CEO, at Eric@NEPIRC.com.



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 for more information. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Manufacturing Jobs Board.

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