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Ohio is Planning for its Future Factory Workforce

The 2025 Future of Manufacturing Summit, held by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce, in Wooster, Ohio, took place on April 17. One of the panels included Jeff Spain, senior director of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership at Columbus State Community College (Central Ohio). The discussion focused on the challenges each of the experts faces in aligning education with industry needs, creating pathways into manufacturing careers, building partnerships, collaborating with industry, preparing students for the future of manufacturing, and addressing regional workforce challenges.

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New partnerships to Boost Energy Jobs

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced two key partnerships under its new RISE PA (Reducing Industrial Sector Emissions in Pennsylvania) initiative. These partnerships aim to boost energy job opportunities, lower emissions, and help small and mid-sized manufacturers stay competitive. DEP will work with Penn State's Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP) and Catalyst Connection to deliver technical support and grant funding. PennTAP offers no-cost help to manufacturers, focusing on energy efficiency and environmental improvements. The program will support around 800 small and medium-sized businesses across the state.

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State News

Shapiro Administration Secures \$19.1M Investment from Kettle & Fire to Build Food Manufacturing Facility and Create Jobs in Lancaster County

On May 15th, Governor Josh Shapiro announced the Commonwealth is investing more than \$4 million to support Kettle & Fire's first company-owned manufacturing facility — which will inject more than \$19.1 million into the local economy and create at least 149 new, good-paying jobs in Lancaster County.

The new KettleWorks facility — located at 425 Ben Franklin Boulevard in Lancaster spans 167,000 square feet and is equipped with advanced food production systems to support the company's growing product line. Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Rick Siger joined Kettle & Fire leadership to cut the ribbon on the new plant.

This project was coordinated by Governor Shapiro's BusinessPA team, an experienced group of economic development professionals dedicated to helping businesses succeed in Pennsylvania through tailored guidance, strategic partnerships, and financial resources. Whether based in the Commonwealth, another state, or across the globe, the team moves at the speed of business to set up companies for long-term growth and success here in Pennsylvania.

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Shapiro Administration Invests More Than \$4.2 Million to Drive Manufacturing Innovation, Help Businesses Grow, and Create Opportunities for Pennsylvanians in Two Counties

On May 7th, The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Rick Siger announced the approval of two new low-interest loans through the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) to support manufacturing and business expansion. The projects are expected to create at least three new, full-time jobs and retain 27 positions.

In 2025, PIDA has approved \$16,585,073 in low interest loans that have resulted in \$37,770,676 in private investment and supported the creation of 51 full-time jobs

and retention of another 85 full-time jobs.

PIDA provides low-interest loans and lines of credit for eligible businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs, as well as for the development of industrial parks and multi-tenant facilities. Loans can be used for: land and building acquisitions; construction and renovation costs; machinery and equipment purchases; working capital and accounts receivable lines of credits; multi-tenant facility projects; and industrial park projects.

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Regional News

Amcor completes combination with Berry Global

Through this combination, Amcor enhances its position as a global leader in consumer and healthcare packaging solutions with the unique material science and innovation capabilities required to revolutionize product development and meet customers' and consumers' sustainability aspirations. With multiple new growth opportunities and \$650 million of identified synergies, Amcor is well placed to deliver significant near- and long-term value for customers and shareholders.

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Available Real Estate for Manufacturers

Check out this month's real estate listings from B.I.D.A Industrial Complex and Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services!

B.I.D.A Industrial Complex: Contact info@bida.com or [\(570\) 752-3612](tel:(570)752-3612) should you wish to inquire about the featured properties.



435 West Third Street, Building 287, Berwick, PA 18603

85,000 SF

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435 West Third Street, Building 294, Berwick, PA 18603

30,192 SF

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Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services: [Click here](#) to email Jim Cummings, VP of Marketing for Mericle, should you wish to inquire about one of the featured properties.



620 Oak Ridge Road,
Hazle Township

248,000 SF

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this property.



63 Green Mountain Road,
Hazle Township

83,200 - 293,493 SF

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this property.

The Latest from NEPIRC



WANTED: Ambassadors to Join NEPIRC's Dream Team!

If you know a manufacturing professional who is incredibly passionate about their career, the manufacturing industry and wants to encourage students to consider working in manufacturing, then we want them to become part of NEPIRC's Manufacturing Ambassador Dream Team!

The Dream Team program was created in 2023 to increase high school and college student awareness of outstanding careers available within Pennsylvania's advanced manufacturing field. Dream Team Ambassadors are energetic, enthusiastic, and outgoing manufacturing associates eager to talk about their career journeys through in-school presentations, Career Day booths and Career Fair attendance. Scheduling a Dream Team engagement is a great way for faculty to incorporate career exploration into the school curriculum while also enhancing the image of manufacturing and stimulating student interaction.

if you're interested in becoming an Ambassador, please email Kira@NEPIRC.com to learn more or [click here](#) to visit NEPIRC's Manufacturing Ambassador webpage.

Gold Sponsors of MFG DAY 2025

NEPIRC would like to thank its 2025 Manufacturing Day (MFG DAY) Summit & Expo Gold Sponsors: JobsFirst NYC, Scranton Area Community Foundation and tech42, for their support and partnership.

As part of the Gold Sponsorship package, each will host a breakout session at the event on Friday, October 3rd at Mohegan Pennsylvania in Wilkes-Barre.

Learn more about MFG DAY and sponsorship by [clicking here](#) or emailing Kira@NEPIRC.com.



The Manufacturing Millennial Selected as MFG DAY Keynote Speaker

Jake Hall, known as the "Manufacturing Millennial," was recently named keynote speaker for MFG DAY 2025.

Considered one of the loudest voices in the industry and awarded by LinkedIn as the Top Voice in Robotics, Automation and Manufacturing, Hall is helping companies future-proof their businesses with technology and attract the workforce of tomorrow.

In addition to Hall's keynote address, "The Future of Manufacturing: Technology and Workforce," he will host a breakout session on the power of social media that will teach manufacturers how to leverage it for

workforce attraction.

[Click here](#) to learn more about The Manufacturing Millennial and MFG DAY.

Get Your Business in Front of Hundreds; Become a MFG DAY Sponsor

68 companies have already made the decision to sponsor MFG DAY, and all top-tier sponsorship packages are now **SOLD OUT!**

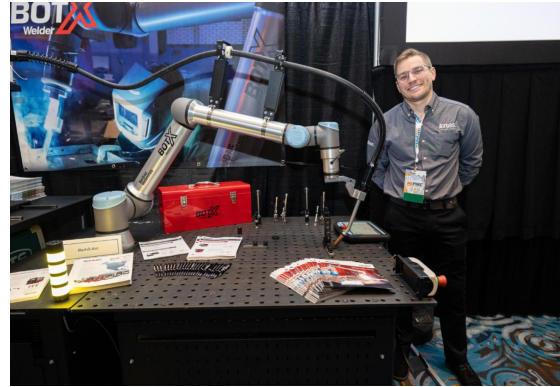
If your company has yet to lock in sponsorship, what are you waiting for? Sponsorship packages are available to meet all price points, and each package includes a 10x10 exhibitor space, along with much more.

This year's event will heavily focus on advanced manufacturing technology, robotics and AI, so if your company falls into one of these categories, then you definitely need to be at MFG DAY.

Exhibitor space sold out last year, so don't wait if you're interested!

[Click here](#) for more information and to view sponsorship packages.

Questions? Email Kira@NEPIRC.com.



Supply Chain Procurement Certificate Course

Give your business a competitive edge – CMTC is now hosting an instructor-led course to earn your ASCM Procurement Certificate and level up your team's capabilities!



During this special 5-week/20-hour course, a globally recognized APICS-ASCM Master Educator will provide expert guidance to help you better understand essential topics including **procurement fundamentals, sourcing strategies, supplier relationship management, negotiations, evaluation metrics, and more!**



COURSE DETAILS

Schedule:
June 3rd - July 3rd
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Format:
Virtual (Zoom)

Cost:
\$925/participant



IDEAL FOR...

Any Supply Chain Professional involved in:

- Sourcing
- Procurement
- Purchasing
- Materials
- Inventory
- Operations
- Logistics
- Warehousing
- Production
- Quality Control
- Buying
- Supplier Relationships
- ...and more!

You're Invited: Supply Chain Procurement Certificate Course

Join [California's Manufacturing Network](#) (CMTC) for an engaging 5-week course on how to better understand essential topics including procurement fundamentals, sourcing strategies, supplier relationship management, negotiations, evaluation metrics, and more! This course will be led by a globally recognized APICS-ASCM Master Educator and can earn you your ASCM Procurement Certificate.

This event will take place from June 3rd to July 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to noon via zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. [Enroll here.](#)

Manufacturer of the Month

Trion®



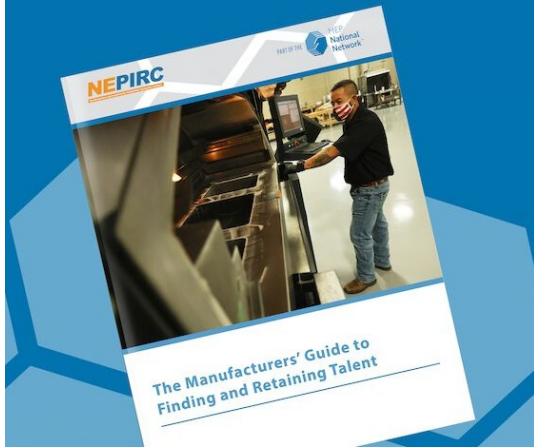
Manufacturer of the Month: Trion Industries

NEPIRC is thrilled to announce Trion Industries as our June Manufacturer of the Month! Located in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Trion is a leading manufacturer of merchandising solutions for fixtures and displays. Trion has consistently demonstrated a commitment to innovation, quality, and community impact.

Trion's products are found in stores across the globe. Their dedication to customer satisfaction and continuous improvement sets them apart in the industry. One key to Trion's growth has been its ongoing investment of profits in new equipment and automation. Their product lines include shelf management systems, cooler and freezer merchandising systems, storewide labeling systems, anti-theft and security fixtures, bar merchandisers, sign systems, display and scanning hooks, POP display components and hardware. Their proactive approach to embracing new technologies and sustainable practices positions them as a forward-thinking leader in manufacturing.

Congratulations to Trion, on being named NEPIRC's June Manufacturer of the Month!

If you'd like to be featured as a Manufacturer of the Month, please email Kira@NEPIRC.com for more information.

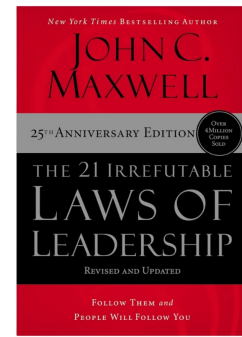


Download Now: The Manufacturers' Guide to Finding and Retaining Talent

It's no secret that finding and retaining talent is a key issue for manufacturers. How can we attract a younger workforce? How can we retain our talent? How can we encourage new hires to return to work after their first day? These questions and more are plaguing today's manufacturers.

To help provide answers, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), published *The Manufacturers' Guide to Finding and Retaining Talent*. NEPIRC encourages manufacturers to download this resource, as it will provide answers to your most pressing workforce attraction and retention questions.

[Download Guide](#)



Unlock Your Leadership Potential

This month, NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club is reading [The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: 25th Anniversary Edition](#) by John Maxwell

In *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*, by John Maxwell shares principles to boost your leadership skills. These laws cover how your leadership ability affects your success and that true leadership comes from influence, not just authority. The book stresses growing, helping others, and building trust. It also discusses having a vision, empowering your team, and leaving a good legacy. Maxwell uses stories to explain these laws, helping leaders at any level get better.

NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club will meet on Thursday, June 26 from noon to 1 p.m. via MS Teams. Click the button below to learn more about this book and sign up.

[Join the Club!](#)

Upcoming Training Program; Register Today

OSHA 30 Training Course for General Industry, taught by Brian Matyjevich:

- Tuesdays, July 8 to July 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., NEPIRC Hanover & Virtual

8-week Leadership Development Essentials, taught by Leo Gilroy:

- Wednesdays, July 9 to August 27, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., virtually via MS Teams

[Learn More & Register](#)

Companies in Need of Suppliers

NEPIRC is relaying these potential new business opportunities to manufacturers across our region. To learn more, email Randall Yash, Director of Technology, at Randy@NEPIRC.com.

- **Custom Plastic Components** - Missouri based company is looking for a supplier to manufacture two custom plastic components: a tray and a handle. Each will be produced in green (Pantone 349c) and one additional, cost-effective color. The supplier must be able to provide pricing for small-to-mid range production volumes. The client is seeking price quotes for 100, 200, 500, and 1,500 units. Price sensitivity noted; cost-effective options preferred.
- **Stamped Metal Strips** - California manufacturer is seeking a supplier for stamped and formed metal conductive strips approximately 6cm in length, .5cm width, and 1mm thick, that are corrosion resistant. Approximately Battery strips: 140,000 stamped metal strips annually.



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