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National News

DOE Seeks Input on \$750 Million Program to Expand Manufacturing Capacity and Spur Economic Revitalization in Energy Communities

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) seeks public input on the \$750 million Advanced Energy Manufacturing and Recycling Grant Program. This program will enable small and medium-sized

manufacturers (SMMs) to produce or recycle clean energy products, or deploy cutting-edge greenhouse gas emissions-reduction equipment in response to coal mine and power plant closures. The program also includes priority for minority-owned manufacturing firms.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE is seeking input on how to design the Advanced Energy Manufacturing and Recycling Grant Program to bolster secure, resilient clean energy supply chains, support community development, create quality union jobs and spur economic revitalization in energy communities across the nation. Request for information (RFI) responses must be received by 5 p.m. eastern time on September 16th. [CLICK HERE](#) for details or to submit public comments.

Department of Commerce Launches Jobs Quality Toolkit

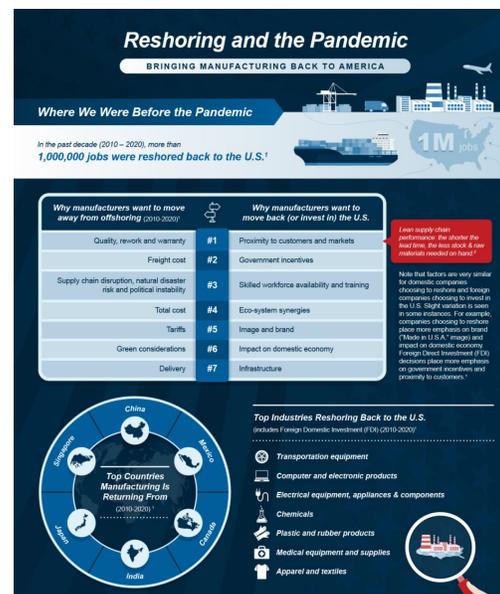
The new Baldrige [Job Quality Toolkit](#) (opens as PDF) is an easy-to-use tool aimed at small and medium-sized organizations. The toolkit includes a menu of vetted strategies and actions

for leaders and their workforces to collaboratively choose from to increase the quality of jobs offered. It introduces Baldrige principles and tools to support organizational success. Backing it up is the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program's extensive research into job quality, including a thorough literature search and engagement with over 60 national experts, nonprofits, businesses, academics and government leaders. The effort is an outgrowth of a [partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce](#) and Department of Labor over the last three years to support various workforce excellence initiatives. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.



Infographic: Reshoring and the Pandemic: Bringing Manufacturing Back to America

Reshoring manufacturing back to the United States has been top of mind for many manufacturers, especially in light of the supply chain issues brought on by the pandemic. Proximity to customers and markets, eco-system synergies and the impact on the domestic economy are all reasons why manufacturers want to move production back to the U.S. In this infographic, you can learn more about how the MEP National Network™ is helping reshoring efforts and providing supplier scouting assistance along with the top industries reshoring, how manufacturers are rethinking supply chains and the future of reshoring. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the full infographic.



State News

Pennsylvania Announces New Poster Contest to Encourage Students to “Reach for the Moon” through STEAM Education

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is joining forces with the [Moonshot Museum](#), [Astrobotic](#) and the [Readiness Institute at Penn State](#) to invite Pennsylvania students in grades 3 to 12 to participate in a statewide poster contest celebrating America's return to the moon this year, an achievement powered by Pennsylvanians.



This poster contest encourages Pennsylvania students to "reach for the moon" in their educational and career endeavors, from science to the arts and anything in between. The Moonshot Poster Contest combines STEM education and the arts in a new way to

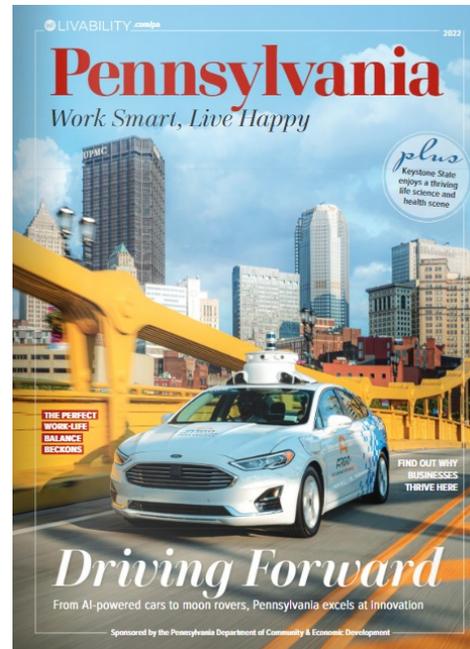
celebrate the upcoming launch of Astrobotic's Peregrine Lunar Lander. Later this year, Peregrine will be delivering more than two dozen payloads to the lunar surface.

[CLICK HERE](#) for contest themes, how to submit an entry, entry deadline and additional contest rules.

Pennsylvania DCED Releases Newest Edition of *Pennsylvania: Work Smart. Live Happy Magazine*

The newest edition of the [Pennsylvania: Work Smart. Live Happy](#) magazine is out and now available online. This print and digital magazine is a new tool to help economic developers, communities and employers attract top talent and promote business growth in the Keystone State.

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out the latest edition.



Regional News

Tyoga Container Expanding Manufacturing Facility

[Tyoga Container Co.](#), a corrugated box manufacturer located in Tyoga, PA, is currently undergoing a plant expansion to double capacity and add several new lines of machinery. The goal of this expansion is to better service its customers, provide more color options and increase product quality. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this expansion and see the progress.



NEPA Alliance to "Bring the World to Northeastern Pennsylvania" in September

On Friday, September 23rd, the [Northeastern Pennsylvania \(NEPA\) Alliance](#) will host *Bringing the World to Northeastern Pennsylvania* at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Pennsylvania's [Authorized Trade Representatives](#) (ATRs) to learn about the business resources available to their



companies and network. Covering 44 international markets worldwide, the ATRs are professional business consultants contracted by the state to help Pennsylvania businesses export by providing customized foreign market intelligence, agent and distributor candidates, trade show identification and in-country appointment setting.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required and space is limited. Participants may register to meet up to five ATRs. Individual meeting schedules will be prioritized on a first-registered, first-served basis. For more information or to register, [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Debbie Langan at DLangan@NEPA-Alliance.org or 570.891.4645. Please be sure to reserve your spot by September 16th.

This event is funded in part by PA DCED's Office of International Business Development.

NASA and Congressman Matt Cartwright to Hold Small Business Matchmaking Event in Scranton

On Friday, September 23rd, join NASA and Congressman Matt Cartwright, 8th District of Pennsylvania, for a free industry day at The University of Scranton's DeNaples Center. From 9:00 a.m. to noon, attendees will have access to information and resources about opportunities to expand their businesses by working with NASA and large aerospace contractors.



Attendees are also encouraged to register for one-on-one networking in the afternoon. Participants will be paired with multiple "buyers" from government and industry that are relevant to their company's offerings. Networking meetings may also provide government contract advice and guidance.

NEPIRC is proud to partner with the [Keystone Space Collaborative](#) and [Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance Procurement Technical Assistance Center](#) (PTAC) to make this event possible!

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

The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce to Host Regional Workforce Summit and Career Fair; Exhibitor Booths Still Available

[The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce](#) will host Skills 2022, its annual Workforce Summit & Career Fair, on Thursday, September 29th at the Viewmont Mall in Dickson City from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor booths are still available for any manufacturer who might be interested in showcasing their open positions.



Themed Attract, Sustain, Grow, Skills 2022 connects local employers with job seekers and students, along with providing educational opportunities that will allow attendees to hear from industry representatives from manufacturing, building construction, the trades and hospitality.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information, to register to attend or reserve an exhibitor table.

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.

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NEPIRC Looking to Hire a Northern Tier Business Advisor

NEPIRC is hiring a Business Advisor for its Northern Tier manufacturing community. If you're a resident of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, or Wyoming counties; are passionate about manufacturing; and meet the experience requirements indicated in the posting on our [Careers page](#), please email your resume to Eric Esoda, NEPIRC President & CEO, at Eric@NEPIRC.com.



NEPIRC Welcomes Wren Kitchens to Northeastern PA

Earlier this month, Chelsey Coslett, NEPIRC's Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, and Courtney Deignan, NEPIRC's Business Advisor for Luzerne and Columbia counties, attended the ribbon cutting for the new [Wren Kitchens](#) showroom in Wilkes-Barre. This showroom is Wren's fifth in the United States, and each Wren product in the showroom and sold in-store is manufactured in this building.



Chelsey and Courtney enjoyed a tour of the facility, which offers virtual reality technology that brings customers' newly designed kitchens to life and houses a state-of-the-art training area for new Wren employees. The Wren staff was welcoming and incredibly knowledgeable about the company, its offerings and what sets Wren apart from the competition. NEPIRC enjoyed being part of this special day for Wren!

Take Advantage of NEPIRC's Fall Training Opportunities

Looking to expand your professional skill set this fall? Check out NEPIRC's upcoming training lineup, which includes Leadership Development, Six Sigma Yellow and Green Belt, ISO 9001:2015 Internal Auditor, Project Management, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving and Continuous Lean Improvement. [CLICK HERE](#) for dates, times, course descriptions and to register.



NEPIRC Offering No-Cost Seminars in Hazleton Next Month

NEPIRC will host two no-cost sessions in September at its new Hazleton office, located inside the CAN BE Innovation Center, at 103 Rotary Drive, West Hazleton.

- **ISO 9001:2015 Requirements Overview** on Tuesday, September 13th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Taught by Ray Kryeski, NEPIRC's Manufacturing/Industrial Engineering Specialist, participants will learn the benefits of ISO 9001:2015 certification, as well as the extent of work required to bring their organization into conformance with minimal effort in modifying their existing quality management system (QMS).
- **Creative Problem Solving** on Thursday, September 29th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. OR 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Instructed by Mark Morgis, NEPIRC's Mechanical Engineer, attendees will learn creative problem-solving techniques, along with gaining insight into the 4Ps of problem solving – Prep, Plan, Perform, Perfect.

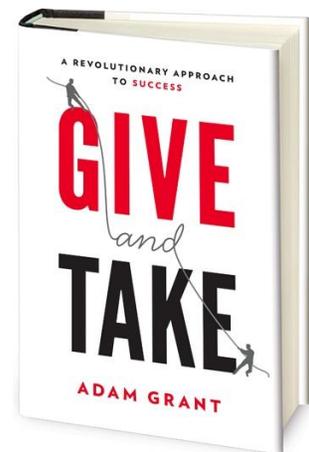


[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and sign up.

NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club Reading *Give and Take*

For the month of August, NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club is reading NYT bestseller *Give and Take* by Adam Grant, in which Mr. Grant examines whether giving is the secret to getting ahead in business and life. Mr. Grant is not only the youngest tenured professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business but is also the highest rated.

The next Book Club meeting is Thursday, August 25th from noon to 1:00 p.m. via MS Teams. [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to learn more about NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club and if you'd like to sign up to join our August meeting!



New Business Opportunities: Companies Looking for Suppliers

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

- **Cardboard Corner Boards** – Pennsylvania-based company seeking regional supplier to manufacture 2" x 2" x 48" x .12" thick cardboard corner pieces to apply to built-out pallets during shrink-wrapping. These are the typical "corner protectors" that support and protect many palletized products. Company looking to purchase approximately 3,000 corner units over the year at a desired price of \$0.71 per unit. Delivery to York, PA.
- **Polyester Strapping** – Company scouting for supplier of black polyester strapping to secure kegs to pallets. Band dimensions are 5/8" x .025" x 2,200' (roll). Company has existing demand for eight (8) 2,200' rolls per year at desired price of \$68/roll. Delivery to other locations in Pennsylvania.

Companies interested in these supplier opportunities are encouraged to contact Eric

NEPIRC's Manufacturing Jobs Board



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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