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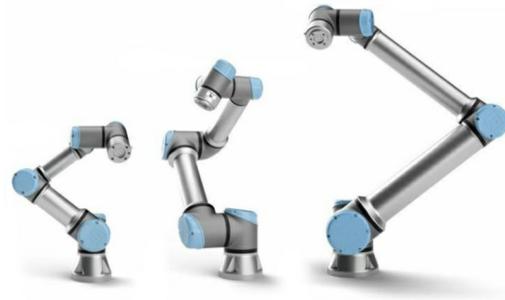
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## Manufacturing News From our Nation, State and Region

### National News

#### Technology Transfer Acceleration by the MEP National Network

Attempting to introduce a new technology into the manufacturing sector is not easy. Smaller manufacturers present unique challenges that must be understood for successful technology transfer. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) researchers have an ally that makes tech transfer less daunting. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more and to watch the video.



### State News

#### Penn State College of Engineering's Learning Factory Now Accepting Capstone Design Project Submissions

[Penn State College of Engineering's Learning Factory](#) is now accepting Capstone Design project submissions for fall 2022. Submissions will be accepted until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Utilizing the Learning Factory is an excellent way for manufacturers to mentor a group of senior engineering students while having them complete a real-world project for the company.



**PennState**  
College of Engineering

**BERNARD M. GORDON  
LEARNING FACTORY**

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about The Learning Factory, project requirements, costs and involvement. You may also contact Mr. Jesse Torba at [jjt5008@psu.edu](mailto:jjt5008@psu.edu) with questions or to discuss project ideas.

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## Regional News

### Wren Kitchens Opens Wilkes-Barre Showroom

NEPIRC client, [Wren Kitchens](#), a U.K.-based kitchen designer, manufacturer and retailer, recently opened its fifth U.S. store in the former Babies 'R' Us location in Wilkes-Barre Township. The showroom features 65 kitchens, which are all fully customizable.



The new space also features 14 design stations where customers can sit down with experts to bring the kitchen of their dreams to life — all from the comfort of a sofa and a large-screen monitor where they can watch their designs come together in 3D. Customers can choose everything for their kitchen, from cabinet styles, colors, appliances, storage solutions, counter tops, sinks, faucets, accessories, and much more. The space, like all of Wren's showrooms, is pet and child friendly and has play zones, baby changing facilities, a stroller park and a relaxing coffee area. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Wren's new showroom.

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### Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Looking for Corporate Volunteers

Chelsey Coslett, NEPIRC's Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement, attended the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce's Empower Women's Conference in April in which Janet Donovan, President and CEO for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, was the breakfast keynote. Janet recently reached out requesting volunteers who would be interested in hosting a Girl Scouts badge day at their business; serving as a subject matter expert on topics of STEM, life skills, entrepreneurship or the outdoors; sponsoring a girl, troop or event with a donation; sponsoring an employee volunteer work day at one of the many Girl Scout camps in our region; or partnering with Girl Scouts on Earth Day 2023 to host a large scale tree planting event to help Girl Scouts across the nation plant, protect and honor five million trees by 2026.



If any of these speak to you or if you're unsure and would welcome a conversation, [CLICK HERE](#) to share your information.

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*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 Welcomes Two New Business Advisors!

Two new Business Advisors have joined NEPIRC's team of professionals! On Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, NEPIRC welcomed Victoria Bradley, and Courtney Deignan came on board Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to NEPIRC, Victoria served as Director of Operations at Albireo Energy and also held positions at Summit Utility Structures, LLC, Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services, General Dynamics OTS and Pleasant Mount Welding, Inc. Her background is diverse and includes manufacturing, supply chain optimization, operations, servant leadership, continuous improvement, change management and strategic planning. Victoria holds a Bachelor of Science in management and marketing from Penn State University and is working toward her MBA from the University of Scranton. Victoria will serve manufacturers in the counties of Lackawanna, Monroe, Pike and Wayne.



Courtney comes to NEPIRC from Alpha where she served as Senior Order Fulfillment Analyst. She has also held positions with companies like Genpact, the Westmoreland Club, Split Rock Resort and Olive Garden. Courtney is certified in Lean Six Sigma, trained and tested as a Six Sigma Green Belt, and is also skilled in project management, process improvement, automation and change management. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in business administration and management from Misericordia University. Courtney will oversee manufacturing clients in Columbia and Luzerne counties.

Welcome to NEPIRC, Victoria and Courtney!

Pictured from left to right: Courtney Deignan and Victoria Bradley.

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## NEPIRC Featured on PA Live's Fourth of July Show

Many thanks to our friends Chris Bohinski and Rachel Malak from PA Live, Eyewitness News WBRE WYOU's weekday lifestyle show, for giving NEPIRC and American manufacturing a shout out during its Fourth of July episode! If you missed it, [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the clip.



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## NEPIRC Partners with TriMech to Host 3D Scanner Breakfast Seminar

On Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, NEPIRC and TriMech hosted a breakfast seminar on 3D scanning technologies inside NEPIRC's state-of-the-art Innovation

Lab. The seminar consisted of a short presentation by Andrew Miller, TriMech's Applications Engineer, on scanner technologies, which included the use in reverse engineering and quality assurance/inspection, the pros and cons, limitations and some resulting file types. Andrew also demonstrated scanner workflow from start to finish. TriMech's Application Engineer, Sawyer Gara, concluded the seminar with different reverse engineering use cases in SolidWorks, such as importing, modifying and cleaning up imported data.



The seminar was extremely well received by the participants who are now even more interested in learning all they can about 3D scanning technologies for their respective manufacturing firms!

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## The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce to Host Regional Workforce Summit and Career Fair

[The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce](#) will host Skills 2022, its annual Workforce Summit & Career Fair, on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Viewmont Mall in Dickson City from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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 and to register to attend.

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## NEPIRC's Fall Training Opportunities Announced

Earlier this month, NEPIRC announced its fall 2022 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 SolidWorks Essentials. [CLICK HERE](#) for dates, times, course descriptions and to register.



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## NEPIRC to Offer No-Cost Workshops & Seminars at its New Hazleton Office

To celebrate the opening of its Hazleton office, NEPIRC will host a series of no-cost seminars and workshops that will take place at its new location during the months of July, August and

September. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the complete list of offerings.



## No-Cost Leadership Development Sessions Slated for 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:

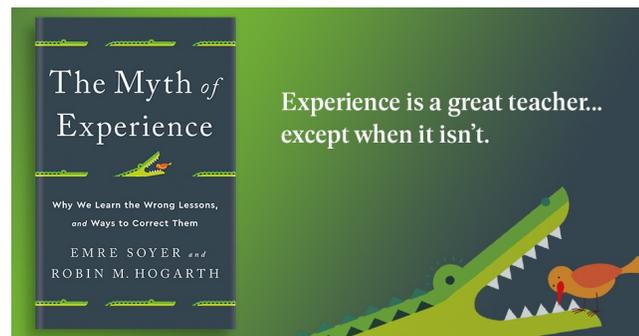
- Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at NEPIRC (in person only)
- Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the [Pocono Mountain Public Library](#) in Tobyhanna (in person only)
- **NEW!** Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at NEPIRC's Hazleton office, 103 Rotary Drive, West Hazleton 18202
- 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.

## *The Myth of Experience* — The Next Wise Words Book Club Read

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, NEPIRC's Wise Words Book Club meeting was postponed to Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1 p.m. via MS Teams.

During the July meeting, NEPIRC's Book Club members will discuss *The Myth of Experience* by Emre Soyer and Robin Hogarth. The book takes an interesting stance on the idea that while most of us believe we can learn from past experiences, what if that's just an illusion?



Even if you only read some of the book, it's not too late to jump in and join us! [CLICK HERE](#) to register and for more information.

**New Business Opportunities: Companies**

# Looking for Suppliers

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

- **Polypropylene Baby Seat Covers** – Company seeking U.S. supplier to make polypropylene covers like those seen at [www.covermeclean.com](http://www.covermeclean.com). Business is seeing surge in demand and does not have a scalable supplier. Covers are made of a spool of material cut and sewn with gathered ends, comparable in style to a fitted bed sheet (gathered around corners). Approximate measurements are 37" top to bottom and 32" side to side. Drawings available. Company seeking initial order of 1,500 to 3,500 units ad desired price of approximately \$2/unit. Shipped in soft packaging w/ hang tags to Colorado.
- **Aluminum Tubing** – Aluminum tubing welded, bent and powder coated for use in providing structural support for a medical device that will assist people with walking and navigating stairs. Specifications are 6061-T6 OD 1.000 in; wall thickness 0.049 in 6061-T6 OD 1.000 in; wall thickness 0.065 in 6061-T6 OD 1.000 in; wall thickness 0.095 in. More specifics available upon request. Product will be individually packaged and palletized for bulk shipping. Destination: Massachusetts.
- **Aliphatic Urethane Film** – Company currently using a Dureflex A4700 product is seeking an alternative aliphatic urethane film of .025 and .050 thickness in 50", 60" and 80" rolls. Company has also used SWM ST-6050, Sierracin S-123 and Huntsman PE-399 in the past, for spec comparison purposes. Company uses 100 rolls of aliphatic urethane per month and is currently paying \$14/lb. The need for additional supply is immediate, with shipping on 9-roll skids to Massachusetts and Ohio.

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



### 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 the

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