

Manufacturing Best Practices Summit & Expo

Friday, October 13, 2023

Mohegan Pennsylvania Convention Center (“The Casino”)



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8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration, breakfast buffet and networking
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	MFG DAY opening comments Confirmed: U.S. Representative Matt Cartwright
9:30 – 10:10 a.m.	Networking and exhibitor visits Tunkhannock High School U.S. First Robotics Team robot demonstration
10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions	Refueling the Talent Pipeline: The Importance of Familiarity Eric Esoda, NEPIRC President & CEO, and Manufacturing Dream Team 3D Scanning & Reverse Engineering Mark Morgis, NEPIRC Continuous Improvement Specialist Workplace Trends Impacting Safety Brian Matyjevich, NEPIRC OSHA Authorized Outreach Trainer NEW: Entering the Aerospace & Space Supply Chain – A Chat w/ ASTROBOTIC Dan Hendrickson, Vice President, ASTROBOTIC Cultivating Calm: Understanding & Responding to Personal & Relational Burn Out Dr. Christine Kiesinger, Principal, CEK Communication Consultancy
11:00 – 11:55 a.m.	Networking and exhibitor visits
Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Keynote Speaker	Opening Remarks: Confirmed: U.S. Representative Dan Meuser and PA DCED Secretary Rick Siger Invited: PA Governor Josh Shapiro Keynote: Thriving Amidst Supply Chain Chaos , Pete Ruggiero, COO, Crayola
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Networking and exhibitor visits
2:05 – 3:05 p.m. Panel Discussion	Women Leaders in Manufacturing Moderator: Dr. Christine Kiesinger , Principal, CEK Communication Consultancy Panelists: Petra Mitchell , President, Catalyst Connection, Pittsburgh, PA Heidi McKenna , President, The Fredericks Company, Huntington Valley, PA Pat Frances , CEO, Chaucer Press, Wilkes-Barre, PA Grace McGregor Kramer , Vice President of Strategy & Operations, McGregor Industries, Dunmore, PA Denise Truesdale , Senior Vice President Human Resources, Pride Mobility Products, Duryea, PA
Roundtable Discussion	Sub-Contracting & Partnerships in Government Markets Sponsored by APEX Accelerator at NEPA Alliance
3:05 – 4:00 p.m.	Networking and exhibitor visits
4:05 – 5:00 p.m. Innotek Computer Consulting Panel Discussion	Demystifying Compliance: What Cybersecurity Requirements Mean for NEPA Manufacturers Moderator: Fred Reck, President, InnoTek Computer Consulting
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Networking reception with refreshments

Keynote Speaker: Pete Ruggiero, COO, Crayola

Pete Ruggiero is currently Chief Operating Officer for Crayola LLC, the global leading consumer products brand in the children’s creative expression category. His Crayola career spanned a quarter of a century with previous roles, including Interim Chief Executive Officer, Vice President-Global Finance, Managing Director-Binney & Smith (Europe) Ltd.

At Crayola, Pete has played a critical role in the transformation of Crayola into an innovative company, and as Crayola has diversified its business model through new product development, expansion into international markets, and the opening of multiple Crayola Experience attractions.

