

CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURERS' COLLABORATIVE

Representing 1200 manufacturing companies with tens of thousands of employees throughout Connecticut



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Increasing Talent Pool

[CTInsider](#)

[December 26, 2021](#)

The state struggles to generate enough manufacturing workers to meet a proliferation of job openings in a booming sector — in part because of enrollment declines in some key training programs.

“I guess it’s a good problem that manufacturing is insanely strong in Connecticut,” said Dave Tuttle, the department head of precision-machining technology at Platt.

[Read More.](#)

Boat and the state’s aerospace manufacturers make CT a prime location to serve as a hub for East Coast offshore wind projects. CT should utilize those existing manufacturers to pivot toward also supplying parts and materials to the offshore wind industry.

[Read More.](#)



Department of Economic and Community Development

Chief Manufacturing Officer

Colin Cooper has [announced](#) his upcoming departure and has assisted DECD Commissioner David Lehman in finding his replacement. This position will be appointed (versus the competitive process). He intends to provide transition support to the incoming CMO.

**Connecticut State
Community Colleges**

Manufacturing Strategic Plan

The AMT Program Study Team has developed a plan to increase access, provide stable leadership, statewide operating/delivery system for AMT, rapid-cycle industry-driven curriculum and training development, and flexible capacity.

GENERAL DYNAMICS

Electric Boat

Hiring More Women

[Hartford Courant](#)

[December 19, 2021](#)

Electric Boat, which navigates a demanding submarine construction schedule for the U.S. Navy, faces new competition for critically needed workers... The sub builder is now looking to one possible pipeline for new hires that has long been overlooked in the male-dominated construction industry: women.

[Read More.](#)

Detect



At Home Rapid COVID-19 Test

Detect™, Inc. joins with CBIA to offer discounted testing rates to member organizations as a response to federal vaccine mandates. Detect, a Connecticut-based company, announced today that its PCR-quality, at-home rapid molecular Detect™ Covid-19 Test received Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA for Over-the-Counter Home Use. The Detect Covid-19 Test can be done entirely at home in one hour.



Offshore Wind Industry

[Hartford Business Journal](#)

[December 22, 2021](#)

A recently published report about the state’s offshore wind production says Connecticut already has many assets required for the industry to thrive, but more work needs to be done. The report, “[Embracing the Potential of Offshore Wind in Connecticut – A Study of Opportunities and Challenges](#),” found that the local supply chain already serving Electric



Regional Sector Partnerships – Grant Funding

EDA's Good Jobs Challenge grant aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs. Connecticut's response is the Strengthening SeCTORal Systems Initiative, a \$20M+ proposal utilizing the Next Generation Regional Sector Partnership model.

Southwestern Manufacturing Regional Sector Partnership

Convener:

Bridgeport Regional Business Council

Supporting Organizations: 21

Employer Partners: 18+

Areas of Focus:

1. Build stronger business-to-business relationships
2. Increase number of young professionals entering manufacturing careers
3. Attract manufacturing businesses to the southwest region
4. Increase partnerships with secondary and post-secondary manufacturing-related training programs

Northwest Manufacturing Regional Sector Partnership

Convener:

Northwest Regional WIB

Co-Conveners:

Greater Danbury Chamber, Northwest CT Chamber, and Waterbury Regional Chamber

Supporting Organizations: 16

Employer Partners: 6+

Areas of Focus:

1. Increase the number of young people choosing manufacturing as a career
2. Retain a higher number of Connecticut graduates for in-state employment
3. Entice career-switchers to choose manufacturing positions
4. Attract more talent to the region

Eastern Manufacturing Regional Sector Partnership

Convener:

Eastern WIB

Co-Conveners:

seCTer Economic Development

Supporting Organizations: 1+

Employer Partners: 23+

Areas of Focus:

1. Build stronger business-to-business relationships
2. Develop the existing workforce through programs such as the Young Manufacturers Pipeline Initiative

South Central Manufacturing Regional Sector Partnership

Convener:

Middlesex County Chamber

Co-Conveners:

Greater New Haven Chamber

Supporting Organizations: 2+

Employer Partners: 21+

Areas of Focus:

1. Increase awareness of manufacturing careers in the region
2. Create a pipeline of young talent emerging from both the comprehensive and technical school systems with interest in manufacturing-related careers
3. Increase access to post-secondary manufacturing training programs with an emphasis on strengthening their relationship with employers

MANUFACTURE

MAKE THE FUTURE

Economic Outlook

January 13, 2022: 7:30PM - 9PM

People's United Center

305 Sherman Avenue

Hamden, CT 06518

John Traynor, CIO, People's United Bank, will speak about our Local, State, and National economy including an outlook for 2022.

[Register Online.](#)

Young Manufacturing

Professional Tour & Happy Hour

January 19, 2022: 5PM - 7:30PM

Allnex Tour

528 S Cherry St, Wallingford, CT

Join your Young Manufacturing colleagues (that means under 40, and works in manufacturing!) for a tour at Allnex, the leading company globally for industrial coating resins, crosslinkers and additives.

[Register Online.](#)



Paid Sick Leave Webinar

February 15, 2022: 10AM - 11AM

Virtual

Join us for an overview of the differences between the CT Paid Leave Act and CT FMLA.

[Register Online.](#)



Become an Effective Trainer

January 12, 13, & 14

TWI-JI teaches essential job training skills for anyone who directs the work of others or manages their training, such as supervisors and team leaders. Its overarching purpose is to establish a single best way for doing a job and allow a trainer to transfer knowledge to a learner more quickly while also verifying comprehension. This "train-the-trainer" course uses standardized programs of Training Within Industry.

[Register Online.](#)