

# Connecticut Manufacturers' Collaborative

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



## Legislative Planning

The regular legislative session begins January 2022. The CMC has identified several key issues impacting statewide manufacturing that have become legislative priorities.

1. Department of Labor - Workshare Program
2. Connecticut Technical High School System - Aligning curriculum to meet industry demand and improving systems that impact curriculum delivery
3. Apprenticeship and R&D Tax Credits - Moving away from the either/or choice impacting employers
4. State Trucking Associations - Supply chain impact
5. Workers Compensation - Exploring employer rights
6. PURE - Cost savings programs impacting business operations

The CMC Government Affairs Subcommittee will meet to refine requests on 10.22.21.

These priorities will become the basis for the upcoming CMC strategic plan. If interested in joining the subcommittee, please email [Melissa Biggs](#).

## MFG Innovation Fund

The Manufacturing Innovation Fund (MIF) Advisory Board met and voted on several new initiatives, along with the continued funding of various legacy programs.

### Legacy Programs:

- Incumbent Worker Training
- MVP
- Apprenticeship

### New Programs:

- Supporting CT resident engineering Interns
- Digital transformation and cybersecurity Roadmap
- Connecting CT innovators w/ CT manufacturers
- Hearts & Minds marketing campaign
- Manufacturing website
- Regional career fairs

## Chief Manufacturing Officer

Transition plans are underway to prepare for Colin Cooper's departure after serving 2 years in the position of CT Chief Manufacturing Officer. David Lehman met with the CMC and has requested that a shortlist of candidates be forwarded for consideration. Please email candidate names to [Michelle Hall](#) no later than 10.22.21.

## OVERVIEW:

- Legislative Planning
- Manufacturing Innovation Fund
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- Regional Sector Partnerships
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## Regional Sector Partnerships

Kelli-Marie Vallieres met with the CMC to outline the relationship between Regional Sector Partnerships (regional focus) and the CMC (statewide focus), highlighting the need to share information between group.

Regional needs, when shared among multiple RSPs, should become state-level needs addressed with the CMC. A formal plan to share information will be forthcoming.

## Post-COVID Workforce Trends

Manufacturers face unique post-COVID challenges in regards to their workforce. Check out some of the following articles:

[McKinsey & Co.](#) - 2.18.21

[World Economic Forum](#) - 5.31.21

[Gartner](#) - 4.29.21

## Virtual Tours

During Manufacturing Month in Connecticut, take a virtual tour of companies throughout the state.

Videos can be accessed at [www.ctcreate.org/virtual-fair/tours/](http://www.ctcreate.org/virtual-fair/tours/)