

# CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURERS' COLLABORATIVE

## Monthly Newsletter – January 2023

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### Deloitte

#### 2023 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY REPORT: ACCELERATING GROWTH

Despite supply headwinds, labor shortages, and an uncertain economic environment, the manufacturing industry continues to surpass the expectations of previous years. To maintain this growth, leaders should leverage digital technologies, adopt strategies for the future of work, and drive supply chain resiliency. Download [here](#).



#### HIGH FREQUENCY ELECTRONIC CHIPS

The U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has entered into a cooperative research and development agreement with AIM Photonics that will give chip developers a critical new tool for designing faster chips that use both optical and electrical signals to transmit information. Read [more](#).



#### SIKORSKY CHALLENGES DECISION

Sikorsky has filed a protest with the Government Accountability Office over the U.S. Army's contract award to Textron's Bell to build the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft, expected to be the service's largest helicopter procurement in 40 years. The GAO confirmed it has an "open protest filed today [Dec. 28] by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation challenging the award of the Army's Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA)." Read [more](#).

#### GOVERNOR LAMONT STATEMENT

Governor Ned Lamont released the following statement: "I spoke this afternoon with Sikorsky President Paul Lemmo and I fully support the company's decision to request an independent review regarding how the decision to award this contract was conducted..." Read [more](#).



#### STONEY CREEK & BIGELOW TEA

Stoney Creek Brewery, a leading regional craft brewery located in Branford, Connecticut, announced that they have partnered with Bigelow Tea for the release of two new tea-infused beers. Read [more](#).





## DEFENSE SPENDING BOOST

Connecticut's major defense companies as well as the supply chain that reinforces the industry would receive a major boost from a bill that Congress must pass annually to authorize the budget for military spending. The National Defense Authorization Act authorizes a total of \$858 billion that includes a 4.6% pay raise and a 2% increase in housing allowances for troops, a repeal of the Pentagon's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for service members and an additional \$800 million in security aid for Ukraine. Read [more](#).



## NEW STRATEGIES FOR STAYING AHEAD OF CYBER THREATS

January 5, 2023

2:00 pm

Webinar

Cyber threats continue to become more sophisticated and pose a threat to agencies. But how can cyber security strategies evolve with the threats themselves? Register [here](#).



## ECONOMIC SUMMIT + OUTLOOK 2023

January 19, 2023

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Hartford Marriott Downtown

200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT 06103

Register [here](#).

## JOB - SENIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Lead FORGE's regional manufacturing strategy and company recruitment, harnessing local manufacturing and supply chain resources for innovators, and driving economic value to the local manufacturing ecosystem. [Email](#) Adam Rodrigues.

## ARTEMIS MOON EXPLORATION

Governor Ned Lamont today is highlighting the prominent role that 44 businesses in Connecticut are playing in NASA's world-renowned Artemis I mission, which sent an unmanned spacecraft on an unprecedented trip around the moon and is now on the final stretch of its historic journey. Read [more](#).



## SMART NEW YEAR KICK OFF

January 17, 2023

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Brewery

1383 Whittemore Road

Middlebury, CT

Register [here](#).



## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2023

John Traynor

January 12, 2023

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Register [here](#).

## YMP EVENT

January 19, 2023

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Golf Lounge 18

220 Indian River Road

Christmas Tree Plaza

Orange, CT

Register [here](#).