



Connecticut Manufacturers' Collaborative

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



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2022 Manufacturing Report

FORGE, an MIF-funded service for statewide inventors and manufacturers, works closely with startups to understand their business needs and connect them to the right type of manufacturer or supplier for the job. They also work closely with their extensive network of manufacturers, design firms, and engineers to source the right partner for our startups' supply chain needs. By working with FORGE, our Supply Chain Network gains access to some of the most innovative startups in the region. To learn more and become a manufacturing partner, email Adam [here](#).

biotechne®

Bio-Techne, a global biotech company, has opened a new 52,000-square-foot production and manufacturing facility in Wallingford. The expansion more than doubles Bio-Techne's Wallingford facility and "provides a five-fold increase". Read [here](#).



New Jersey Replicates MVP

New Jersey takes a page out of the CCAT playbook. Governor Phil Murphy announced the creation of a pilot program that will provide NJ manufacturers grants for the purchase of equipment they need to improve operations. The NJ Manufacturing Voucher Program (MVP) will be developed and administered by the NJ Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) and funded with \$20 million from the FY2023 budget. Read [more](#).



LiquidPiston, the leading innovator of efficient engine technology and hybrid power systems in Bloomfield, CT, announced a \$9 million award from the U.S. Army to design, build and demonstrate an advanced, heavy-fueled combustion engine that uses up to 30% less fuel than comparable gasoline-powered... Read [more](#).



Keurig Dr. Pepper is pouring \$50 million into Athletic Brewery, the Stratford startup that is building a dominant market share for its non-alcoholic brews that have won rave reviews against some of CT's and the world's top brewers. Read [here](#).



CONNEX Marketplace is an online platform, free to all Connecticut manufacturers through the MIF, that connects all U.S. manufacturers and suppliers into a single, accurate, searchable supply-chain database. It's not just another broker platform but a revolutionary new way for U.S. manufacturers & suppliers to find, be found, connect and contract directly with each other. To become an early adoption email Barbara [here](#). To learn more about the service, click [here](#).



December 7, 2022
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
December 8, 2022
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Virtual

A FREE Virtual Summit for Connecticut Suppliers. In addition to matchmaking and networking with some of the region's largest buyers, come learn more about state programs and gain insight from the experiences of other small businesses! The 2022 Supplier Growth Summit and MatchMaker is designed to specifically help the region's suppliers meet with large buyers and prime contractors in Connecticut, and strengthen the local supply chain community and its ability to grow in a post-pandemic market. The centerpiece of the Supplier Growth Summit will be the virtual Business MatchMaker. Suppliers will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with buying organizations. The virtual format allows us to expand the number of meetings and accommodate everyone's schedule. MatchMaker meetings will take place over one and half days. Register [here](#).



Holiday Party
December 6, 2022
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
East Side Restaurant
131 Dwight Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Join your colleagues and friends for the CTMA annual holiday celebration. Register [here](#).



It took about two weeks to assemble the application, recalls Tahjay Greene, a senior at Platt Technical High School in Milford. First he had to gather his high school transcripts, three teacher recommendations, attendance and community service records and various signatures from school administrators. Greene landed an internship building military helicopters at Lockheed Martin's Sikorsky Aircraft, in Stratford, where he and 44 fellow high school-aged students became the newest members of the Teamsters Local 1150 this summer. They work full-time for eight weeks during the summers after their junior and senior years, and upon graduation, many receive full-time job offers at the helicopter manufacturer, making \$27 to \$29 an hour to start. Learn [more](#).



December 13-15, 2022
Mystic Hilton
20 Coogan Blvd
Mystic, CT 06355

Foundation 2 Blade offshore wind industry training. Foundation 2 Blade - OSW Training (offshorewindus.org) is an educational workshop designed to help businesses understand market opportunities, wind industry ecosystem, and potential business alignment. The workshop is offered by Business Network for Offshore Wind and is a comprehensive training that will educate participants on the tools, resources, and industry connections to successfully enter the offshore wind supply chain. Registration limited!! Click [here](#).



Learning Adventure Days
Plainville High School
December 16, 2022
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HELP WANTED! Our goal is to incorporate the expertise of the community into our next event, which will focus on college/career exploration! We are looking for local professionals and businesses:

- come talk about their career
- provide students with a hands-on experience in their field
- provide student (groups) tours
- host a job shadow for students

To participate, [email](#) Jen.



Holiday Event
December 7, 2022
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Stony Creek Brewery
5 Indian Neck Ave
Branford, CT 06405

Come celebrate the holidays and a successful year in manufacturing with your colleagues. Bring your co-workers and employees to enjoy some delicious food and cocktails from Stony Creek Brewery and Donovan's Reef. One of the highlights is our annual toy drive for the Marine Toys for Tots. Please bring one new unwrapped toy. Feel free to bring toys from fellow employees as well! Register [here](#).



Holiday Party
December 5, 2022
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
The Palace Theater
100 E Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Join us in honoring the Past Presidents and become a sponsor! Register [here](#).