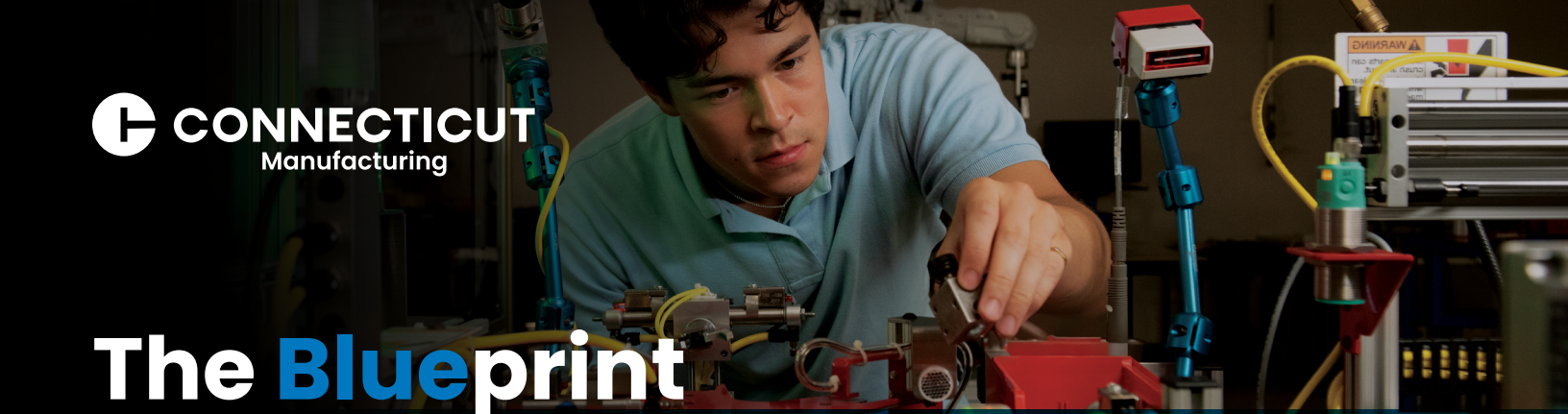

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The Blueprint

CT Manufacturing Newsletter

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Manufacturing Matters

Updates from CT's Chief Manufacturing Officer, Paul Lavoie

We started the new year with a bang in January! Reflecting on 2024, we're proud of the strides we're making at the Office of Manufacturing to Develop Talent, Build Sustainable Companies, and Drive Innovation! Our focus for 2025 is clear: we aim to accelerate the adoption of technology, drive engagement within our sector and beyond, and harness the network to create a cohesive hub of service providers for Connecticut's manufacturers.

As we continue to scale our impact, we're grateful for the support of our partners and our 833 manufacturing ambassadors. In 2025, we're recharging the ambassador program with renewed energy to amplify its influence. Stay tuned for exciting updates as we work together to propel Connecticut's manufacturing sector to new heights!

SUPPORTING VETERANS, STRENGTHENING MANUFACTURING

UNTURNING STEEL INC. is a Connecticut-based 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to recruiting, developing, and placing military talent in the CT manufacturing community. Learn more about UNTURNING STEEL's impactful mission and how your organization can get involved to support this important initiative.

WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR?

February 6th – Join CCAT at the Connecticut Science Center from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM for Pathways to STEM Night: Careers in Manufacturing, a free, interactive event showcasing exciting careers in manufacturing and STEM.

March 4th – Discover how the Navy Talent Pipeline Program (TPP) can help strengthen your workforce at PMPA Connecticut's informational session. Registration closes February 7th.

April 2nd – Connect with top employers and talent from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the 4th Annual Connecticut Manufacturing, Engineering & Technology (MET) Career Fair.

May 13th – May 15th – Experience EASTEC 2025, the Northeast's largest manufacturing tradeshow, at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Local News

Governor Lamont unveils a $25M grant program to accelerate the growth of CT supply chains and attract new operations.

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Barkhamsted's Sterling Engineering lands a $33M component contract for Sikorsky.

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Paul Lavoie joins Mike Hydeck on *Face the Facts* to discuss the push for manufacturing jobs in CT.

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John Reap, professor of mechanical engineering at Quinnipiac University, is named to CCAT's Faculty Fellowship in Digital Transformation.

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National News

A small manufacturer urges Congress to let the manufacturing sector thrive.

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Failure to renew Trump tax reforms could cost 6 million manufacturing jobs.

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Spokane receives a $48M grant for aerospace manufacturing.

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Whether creating distinctive campus environments, enhancing public spaces with solar-powered solutions, or adding character through custom color schemes, Penn Globe delivers tailored lighting solutions that transform communities. Their commitment extends beyond illumination through their impactful Lighting for the Greater Good initiative, demonstrating their dedication to community enhancement.