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### Lean Office for Associate Members

We trying to gauge the interest in a lean office training specifically for non manufacturing. Please respond yes, no, or would like more information. Thank you for sharing!

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## GLBMA Feature

### Preparing for a New Decade of U.S. Manufacturing NIST Blog - By Nico Thomas, February 5, 2020

Each new year brings about a period of reflection, where one can think back on the path that the previous year took us on. The coming year represents an even larger opportunity for reflection as the world enters a new decade. Reflection provides an opportunity to learn and improve and extends beyond just an individual, but also to industries and businesses. As a U.S. manufacturing enthusiast, I'm looking back over the past 10 years and how manufacturing has changed, evolved and innovated so that I can continue to support that evolution.

The U.S. manufacturing industry is entering this new decade in a much different state than when it entered the last. The industry is no longer shaking off the aftereffects of the Great Recession, but it is still grappling with the economic uncertainty that comes with new trade deals and tariffs. There is also the need to keep pace with the ever-increasing speed of technological change. Industry 4.0 and its adoption by U.S. manufacturers has begun to pick up steam, and manufacturing's digitization is only going to increase. Things like 3D printing, advanced robotics, artificial intelligence, and smart factories are becoming more commonplace in the U.S. manufacturing industry, emphasizing a deepening need for stronger cybersecurity. [Click to read the full story!](#)



### GLBMA Casino Night - Great Success!

Thank you to all the members and guest that attended the 2020 Casino Night!

More photos and a list of all our sponsors as well as prize donors are available on our website. [glbma.org](http://glbma.org)!

## Women in MFG - Special Interest Group

Calling all women in manufacturing! Join us for a Hump Day Happy Hour! Grab a beverage or dinner and enjoy some time with like-minded women. [Click for guidelines.](#)

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020. We will meet at Oscars Bar & Grill, 104 E. Main Street, Midland, in the Fireside room from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Topic to spur conversation is HR

## Quality - Special Interest Group

The Quality Special Interest Group will be meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Saginaw Valley State University. They will meet in Curtiss Hall, second floor, room C203. [Click for guidelines.](#) The topic of discussion is Problem Solving.

If you would like to be added to the event eblast please contact Tanya via [tblehm@svsu.edu](mailto:tblehm@svsu.edu) or call 989-964-2881.

## Member News

### The Scott L. Carmona College of Business



The Scott L. Carmona College of Business is one step closer to completion. The Wolohan Finance and Data Analytics Lab is ready for students at Saginaw Valley State University.

While the last of bits of the project is coming together, SVSU is hosting an **Open House on Monday, February 24 between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm and Thursday, February 27 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.** We encourage you to attend and see what new exciting options are available for higher education close to home!

## Capitol News

Senator Gary Peters - The Importance of Cybersecurity  
[View the video now](#)

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center - Northeast Office is able to help you review your Cybersecurity plan and options to improve this area. Call Chris Tibaudo at 989-964-2807.



### MMA Supports Science-Based PFAS Drinking Water Standards

Last week, [MMA filed formal written comments based on an independent peer review study](#) by leading PFAS researchers commissioned by MMA to evaluate the science used by the state in developing the proposed drinking water standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). As we've stated clearly time and again, we absolutely believe the safety of our public drinking water supply is paramount, and so is public confidence in drinking water safety. We also believe the state can both protect the public health and its economic competitiveness; they are not mutually exclusive goals. Our comments were submitted with the constructive intent of being part of the solution.

MMA comments suggest to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) that the proposed regulations must be scientifically defensible and rooted in settled science. In addition, the standards must fully account for associated costs to citizens, local communities and employers. Based on our commissioned study, the MMA comments pointed to critical areas of concerns that EGLE must address before moving forward with currently proposed PFAS drinking water rules, including significant data gaps in addressing scientific uncertainty, lack of reference to key studies by the Science Advisory Workgroup (SAW), and deviation by the SAW from accepted standard practice in developing MCLs, including not fully accounting for costs.

MMA makes four recommendations to EGLE:

1. Address and resolve the scientific uncertainties and shortcomings before moving forward.
2. Rely on universally settled science in developing the regulation and refrain from developing standards on a class basis.
3. Lead with regulation-ready rules meaning they are legally defensible and provide clarity, consistency and certainty.
4. Fully account for the costs to be incurred by employers, municipal water systems and their citizens.

If you have any questions or comments on the formal comments, technical review report or if you would like to learn more about or sign up for MMA's PFAS Work Group, please contact Dave Greco, MMA director of regulatory and environmental affairs, at 517-487-8543 or at [greco@mimfg.org](mailto:greco@mimfg.org).

# Opportunities Aboard

## CMMA offers Reasonable Suspicion Drug & Alcohol Training for Supervisors

March 4, 2020 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Community Room at Mid Michigan College  
2600 S. Summerton Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Registration fee is \$40 CMMA/GLBMA members - \$50 non members  
Lunch provided. Training materials and Certificate of Completion included.

- Discover what manufacturing supervisors need to know, including:
- Specimen collection procedures
- Lab process
- Medical review process
- Signs and symptoms of alcohol and drug and abuse
- Approaching an employee
- Handling sensitive scenarios
- Proper Documentation
- Meets federal DOT requirements

Presenters:

Lori Schuck Barresi & William E. Livingston MA LLP CAADC SAP

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## TAAF funding available for Manufacturers

GLTAAC is a non-profit organization providing matching funds to import-impacted manufacturers in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. We do this through the federal **Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms program (TAAF)**.



GLTAAC clients use TAAF co-funding of up to \$75,000 to hire outside expertise for critical business improvement projects. Matching funds can be applied toward the cost of consultants, engineers, designers or other technical assistance providers.

Check out GLTAAC's [Client Success Stories](#) to see how TAAF funding helps import-injured manufacturers regain their competitive edge.

Do you know a manufacturer who could use this kind of assistance? Contact GLTAAC Project Manager, Scott Phillips. He'll answer your questions about the TAAF program and how your manufacturers can qualify. Or give him a call at 734.787.7509.

## Michigan Works! - Save the date



Save the date for October 30, 2020 for the next Mi Career Quest Event

The Great Lakes Bay and Region 7b Michigan Works! offices will be holding information meetings starting March 5th. Save the date and watch for more information. For more information please reach out to Kristen Wenzel, [kristen@michiganworks.com](mailto:kristen@michiganworks.com) or Natasha Allen, [NAllen@michiganworks4u.org](mailto:NAllen@michiganworks4u.org)

## MMA - I Love MFG Forum



Save the date and join us for the annual MFG Forum on Tuesday, May 5, at the L.V. Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids.

This full-day program focused on the emerging issues that impact Michigan's manufacturing sector. The MFG Forum provides real-world best practices presented by leading manufacturers to help grow your Michigan-based business.

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Review current edition of the MMA Magazine - [Click here!](#)

## Save the Date

Save the date for our upcoming events! Check our [website](#) for complete details.

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