



Spring is coming and so are lots of events and resourceful information!

Are you ready for more? The GLBMA has rolled out several new partnerships with an added benefit to the GLBMA members. The General Agency has partnered to offer liability, cyber, and workmen's comp insurance at a discounted rate to GLBMA members. In addition, SensCy is offering all members a free review of their cyber security and gaps. Get your SensCy score and reduce your insurance rate for Cyber insurance.

If that is not exciting enough, we have our first plant tour scheduled for April 14, 2023. Come join us for lunch and tour of Falcon Road Maintenance Equipment in Freeland. See more details and how to register below.

Please note; all [blue colored text](#) is a hyperlink.

What's in the newsletter!

- Welcome New Members
- Feature Article: Right to Work Update from MMA
- GLBMA Events/Programs
- Quality SIG meeting
- WIM SIG news
- Partner News

Please note this newsletter is for March and April 2023. Look forward to providing more news in May.

Welcome - New Members

SVRC Industries, Industrial Operations

SVRC Industries, Inc. through economic development activities, creates and sustains opportunities and supports to empower persons at risk or with barriers to employment and community access.



We address the mission by...

- Recognizing that challenges of our customers have the highest priority.
- Educating the public about barriers for persons with disabilities to employment and community access.
- Advocating for solutions to disability and rehabilitation issues.
- Forming partnerships with other organizations and businesses to maximize our effectiveness.

- Concentrating our resources to have the greatest impact.
- Using our industrial operations as the hub for service delivery systems.
- Delivering services that reflect the values of our customers and the citizens in the communities we serve.

Planning - We understand that planning for the future is crucial to our consumer base.

Excellence - We commit to a comprehensive and unsurpassed level of service to all our customers.

Outcomes - We incorporate an outcome measurement system to ensure quality customer services and satisfaction.

Partnership - We believe in full collaboration with community partners to provide maximum efficiency and utilization of resources.

Listen - We will continue to listen to the needs of our customers and community.

Empowerment - We display empathy while still empowering our consumers, customers, and employees. We strive for excellence as a team.

Moulthrop-Clift Insurance



When it comes to working with an insurance company, there are certain things that you look for. MCI Insurance wants you to know that we put VALUE into our relationships. Just take a look...

We Value RELATIONSHIPS

What price can you place on the beauty of a bay sunset or on the smile of a child who has just caught his/her first fish? The value of these moments is tangible while not easily definable. At MCI Insurance, we strive to bring tangible value to every client relationship, always making sure that our client's priorities are also our own.

We Value COMMUNITY

As one of Michigan's oldest independent insurance agencies, we are wholly dedicated to the communities we serve. We understand our region as well as the challenges and concerns Great Lakes Bay Region homeowners and businesses face. We take pride in the fact that our clients are friends and neighbors. We go the extra mile and beyond to set the highest standards for service and we accept nothing less than the best for our clients. MCI works with a diverse roster of top-rated insurance companies who must meet our high standards for service and performance.

We Value EXPERIENCE

Our generations of experience and superior customer service have made us the industry standard to which other insurance agencies aspire. Our team is comprised of licensed professionals who bring you over 150 cumulative years of industry experience. Our professional designations include: Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter, Associated Risk Manager, Certified Long-Term Care Consultant, Certified Insurance Counselor, Certified Public Accountant, Juris Doctorate and others. We are experts in our respective areas and understand the nuances of shielding you, your family and your business from unanticipated losses.

We Value INNOVATION

Our region and our agency are steeped in a tradition of innovation. This tradition continues today. We are always expanding our knowledge of the market and our industry, bringing together timeless expertise with the best and latest products,

services and technology. In doing so, we are able to create insurance solutions that stand the test of time for today, tomorrow and beyond.

Padnos

Welcome to the Saginaw Recycling Center, formerly B. Clinkston & Sons, Inc. now PADNOS.

The best scrap yard in Saginaw, MI. One of many PADNOS scrap yard locations, the Saginaw Recycling Center is the best place to recycle your scrap metal. Just off MI-46, you can recycle copper, aluminum, steel, vehicles, catalytic converters, and more for money. This is just a small part of PADNOS with twenty plus locations across the state of Michigan.



We've gone from rags to riches by finding value in the things others discard or take for granted, by seeing possibility where others see expendability, by turning hubcaps into art and raw talent into valued expertise. And, most importantly, by understanding what a diverse collection of people can accomplish when the chemistry is just right. Seeing the possible is in our blood. It is born from the sweat and smarts of those who worked here before us and it's our responsibility to pass it on.

Manufacturing Technology Mutual Insurance



MTMIC will, on behalf of its policyholders, aggressively pursue control of the workers' compensation environment by diligent fiduciary responsibility, strict pursuit of all permitted legal remedies, vigilant claims management and aggressive loss control measures.

Merrill

MERRILL makes anything possible. From concept to completion and beyond, our top-to-bottom capabilities mean that we can design, build, test and deliver nearly every operation imaginable. We are committed to delivering trusted quality at a fair price with as little lead time as possible.



Our Advanced Planning and Execution Center (APEX) provides comprehensive program management for every operation. From opportunity review through processing, costing, PO processing, contract review and launch, our team of experts provide the pre-manufacturing expertise needed to ensure your project exceeds your expectations.

SensCy

Cybersecurity is an essential need for Small and Medium-Sized Organizations (SMOs). The greatest external threat to



organizations today is cybersecurity attacks and SMOs are becoming more frequent targets each and every day. Large companies have the financial and personnel resources to manage cybersecurity issues. Smaller to Medium-Sized businesses do not have that luxury. Our mission is to improve the cybersecurity health of small and medium-sized businesses and organizations. In today's digital world, data is a valuable asset and hackers are realizing that small and medium sized organizations are significantly less protected than large companies with many resources. As a small organization leader, understanding your cybersecurity health is as important to your business as understanding the health of your balance sheet.

Feature Article

Repeal of Right-to-Work Reverses Progress of Michigan's Economic Competitiveness

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Last week, the Michigan Senate passed bills undermining Michigan's ability to successfully transition its economy at the speed of technological change. To compete for future investment with other states and nations, Michigan must create an environment that is attractive for investment. The Senate's action, passed on a straight party-line vote, repeals Michigan's decade-long Right-to-Work policy and reverses Michigan's attractiveness for new jobs and economic growth.

As an organization we have tirelessly advocated for a business-friendly environment and, since December 2021, Michigan's aggressive efforts to draw new transformational investment successfully attracted \$17 billion in new private capital investment that will create 15,500 new jobs. Now, eliminating Right-to-Work will undermine future attraction efforts as companies compare other states and nations to make their investments. We will join 22 other states without Right-to-Work that are also losing the competition to bring in new jobs, technology and talented workers. Our aggressive and successful incentive efforts will be neutralized going forward as Michigan moves down the list of states considered for new investment.

MMA will continue to call on policymakers to communicate clearly to manufacturing investors, both existing manufacturing companies and those outside Michigan, that Michigan is open for business and that we have the right skilled workforce to make their investments successful in the face of global competition. Repealing Right-to-Work moves Michigan in the wrong direction.

Visit Right-to-Work Action Center [here](#).

GLBMA News

The GLBMA holds First All Member Meeting

Thank you to all our members that took the time out of their schedules to attend our first quarterly meeting. We heard legislative updates from Dave Worrthams, MMA and Going PRO talent fund updates from Joe Kaczmarek, Mi Works! Great Lakes Bay Region. We discussed upcoming events with the

GLBMA and had the opportunity to tour Delta College Midland campus.

Thank you to Delta College for hosting and Huntington Bank for providing parking for our members.

We hope to see you at the next meeting on June 6, 2023. Time is 4:00 - 5:30 pm. If you would like to host this meeting, please contact the GLBMA office. [Registration](#) is now open and topics will be released shortly.

Join us for our Best Practices Plant tour at Falcon Asphalt Repair Equipment

Friday, April 14, 2023

11:30 am to 1:00 pm
2600 W. Salzburg Road
Freeland, MI 48623



Lunch will be provided. Please [register](#) before March 31, 2023 at Noon to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Plant tours are limited to 2 Associate members from each company as space is limited.

We ask that you wear closed-toed shoes, and better yet, steel-toed shoes. Bring your favorite pair of safety glasses too.

We ask that you follow the shipping & receiving signs to the back of the building and enter through the shipping and receiving door. Parking is available in this area.

GLBMA leads an Industry Led Collaborative with Midland Business Alliance and Saginaw Future

New this year, the training can take place up to one year once the award is announced. This will allow more time to schedule and complete the training. Additional applications are accepted until all monies have been expended.

The GLBMA will lead the ILC in partnership with the Midland Business Alliance and Saginaw Future. We are working on putting our ILC together now and want to share our timeline with you and hope that you can join in our ILC.

Now until March 31 - Survey for class needs (See survey link below.)

April 3 - April 14 - Determine class needs and communicate to companies, write narrative for the ILC and each training.

April 17 to May 5 - Gather commitments and submit application to MI Works Great Lakes Bay Region office

The GLBMA will act as the lead and prepare the bulk of the application for submission. For any training to be approved, **at least three companies must sign up and complete the training.**

You can receive up to \$2,000 per participant in training funds awarded through this grant. A one-to-one match is required which can include wages, benefits, travel, and production interruption costs. If you are able to host a training at your facility for the ILC, you will be able to include the cost of hosting as part of your match amount.

Each company will need to complete the individual application with the ILC narrative and submit it to the MI Works Great Lakes Bay Regional office contact as directed later in the process.

The GLBMA will work on coordinating the training locations, date, and times for all participating businesses.

What we need from you NOW is your input on which classes and how many people you would like to attend each training option. Please provide your feedback through the link provided below.

[Take Survey Here](#)

Thank you to all the Local Rosie the Riveter Sponsors

Over 300 people took part in the celebration of National Rosie the Riveter Day in Michigan. The state capitol was buzzing with stories from ten of the original Rosies that attended and were honored for leading the way for women in skilled trades and manufacturing as part of the war efforts. Most of these women, now past 100 years old, enjoy sharing their stories.



We captured the event with a photo on the capitol stairs. Photos will be available shortly.

Statewide sponsors:

PNC Bank - Title sponsor

Peak Manufacturing & Kurek Tool - Bandanas

Duperon and Ladwig's Culligan - Water

Magliner, Kurek Tool Inc. Dart Bank - Function space & AV

Emergent Biosolutions and Lift - Refreshments

Dowding & Jeff Metts - Upper Peninsula Air Transportation,

GM - Lawn and Parking

Friedland Industries - Photography

Lansing Community College Technical Careers Division, News 10, and

Granger Waste Services - Media

Vantage Plastics and Michigan Manufacturers Association - Bus

Transportation

Jessica Cowles - Photographer

Jen Schroder from WILX - Videography

Josh Hovey at Martin Waymire - Press Release and Support

Thank you to our many volunteers from GM, MMA, Eaton RESA Center Pathways, PNC Bank, Sweet Encounter Bakery, City of Lansing, Granger,



Partner Programs start to take off - Wildfire offers Work Place Perks

Wildfire Credit Union not only offers a full range of business services, and a **Work Place Perks program** for your employees, we offer the personal service and quick response you deserve. When you need to speak to someone about your business needs, we are right here; a local business working with local businesses. Wildfire serves the entire state of Michigan allowing anyone who works, lives, worships or attends school in the state of Michigan to join Wildfire. We offer locations in Bay City, Midland, two branch locations in Saginaw and a lending office in Mt. Pleasant.

We live here, work here and are active in our community. That means when you are ready to do business, we are ready to meet with youat your convenience. Just pick up the phone; call our local number and one of our business services specialists is here, ready to help.

Reach out to Susan Moody at 989-598-7173 or email smoody@wildfirecu.org to learn more about how you can implement a **no-cost Work Place Perks program** now available to all GLBMA members.

Save the date for more GLBMA events

We have a full calendar of events that are focused on all levels of manufacturing. We hope that you will share these events with the appropriate department. Please check out our **website** for complete event details.

New this year, you can sign up for **text messages** announcing our events or an event reminder. No more than two texts will be sent a month. You must sign up to receive these messages, we are not able to sign you up. Please use this **link** here to start receiving messages.

Quality Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting

May 24, 2023 - Invite your Quality Staff/Plant Management to Attend

Join us to learn more about IATF 16949 and is it right for you or does ISO 9001 meet your needs. We meet at 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm. We will meet at Nexteer Automotive, 3900 E. Holland Ave, Saginaw.

Please wear steel/composite safety shoes for department tour.

This discussion is best suited for the plant manager, quality manager or director. We hope to see you there.

Register to attend [here](#).

Women in Manufacturing Special Interest Group (WIM) Events

The next two WIM events are open to all those in Manufacturing

WIM Road Trip - May 5, 2023 - 7:00 am - 5:30 pm - See agenda below

The WIM is sponsoring a fun learning road trip. We will leave from SVSU and have a light breakfast on the bus as we make our way to [Detroit Denim](#) retail space where we will get a look at the ordering process for custom jeans. You will also have the opportunity to order a pair of jeans while on-site. Then we will take a short ride to the manufacturing plant to see how an order becomes a pair of jeans. Once we are done with our tour, we will take a short trip across town to [lift](#). At lift, we will enjoy lunch and a tour - Where Manufacturing Technology and Talent Matter. Once we are done at lift. We will head across town to Greektown Casino for a couple of hours of gaming. At 3:00 pm, we will load the bus and return to SVSU.

If you would like to order a pair of custom jeans, please indicate so on the registration so they have enough staff on hand to help gather your information. The jeans start at \$185 a pair.

Friday, May 5, 2023

7:00 am Depart

9:00 am - 11:00 am Detroit Denim

11:30 am - 1:00 pm lift

1:15 pm - 3:00 pm Greektown Casino

5:30 pm Arrive back to SVSU

Cost is \$50 a person and includes a light breakfast, lunch, and tours. Payment must be made to obtain a seat. Space is limited to the first 45 people to sign up.

Register [here](#) to take a road trip with us. **Registration ends April 21, 2023.**

Thank you to PNC Bank for sponsoring this special interest group.

WIM CEO Olympics - July

Are you game? We are! Join us for this first time event as you root on your favorite companies CEO. We will be hosted by the Great Lakes Safety Training Center in Midland for this event. This is an open event for anyone to attend. Ma's Kitchen Food Truck will be on site for food and beverage purchases. You may bring a snack of your own but this is a non-alcoholic event, please leave yours at home.

We are looking for a couple more contestants to participate in our bracket. If you would like to participate, please reach out to Tanya at the GLBMA office for details.

Tuesday, **July 25, 2023** (please note date change due to the golf invitational)

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Great Lakes Safety Training Center
1900 Ridgewood Dr. Midland, MI 48642

This event is free and open to anyone to root on their favorite Olympian.

Thank you to PNC Bank for sponsoring this special interest group.

Partner News

Michigan Sugar hires new CEO

Rob Clark | 989-686-0161 ext. 2267 | rob.clark@michigansugar.com

Neil comes to Michigan Sugar to continue a career in the agribusiness and food processing sectors that stretches back more than 30 years. He began his career at American Crystal Sugar Company, working his way up to become Ag Operations Manager. Later, he was instrumental in the founding of Northstar Agri Industries where he led the development and construction of a successful canola processing and refining plant in Minnesota. Most recently, he served as Vice President of Manufacturing and Operations for Red River Commodities Inc., a food processing company based in Fargo, N.D., and focused primarily on sunflower products.



A 1990 graduate of North Dakota State University (Go Bison!), Neil went on to complete a business management program in 2002 at The Wharton School.

Neil and his wife Heidi have four adult children – Aaron, David, Daniel, and Hannah – and four grandchildren, as well as a Weimaraner bird dog named Wilma, a cat named Simon, and Arabian horses named Georgia and Goldie. In his free time, Neil enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, hunting, fishing, golf, and off road motorcycle riding. Read official press release [here](#).

Neil officially begins his duties on April 3.

As we welcome Neil, we also thank Chief Operating Officer Jim Ruhlman, who has been running day-to-day operations of the company since last summer and congratulate our retiring President and CEO Mark Flegenheimer for his 40 years of service to the sugar industry and his nearly 30 years of service to Michigan Sugar Company.

STEM in the Great Lakes Bay Region shares Resources

Lori Flippin | 989-280-2829 | lflippin@greatlakesbay.org

The single biggest draw for any business trying to attract new talent is word of mouth. Setting your business up to be responsive to the work barriers for all employees puts your business in a position to be talked about in the community as an employer of preference.

Below are some resources for helping assist workers in advancing their careers:

Clothing drive for workplace appropriate or job interview attire:

Mid Michigan College is hosting a professional clothing drive. Clean, pressed appropriate clothing can be dropped at Student Services on the Harrison Campus April 24-26 or on the Mt. Pleasant campus on April 27. About | Clothing INC | Mount Pleasant

Transportation and childcare support:

Michigan Works! can often assist businesses with various resources for employee support - Amy Ames, Business Services, amesa@michiganworks.com

United Way works “to advance equitable communities where households are stable and children thrive.” United Way within the Great Lakes Bay Region includes:

United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties, Inc. | United Way Worldwide

United Way of Saginaw County | United Way Worldwide

United Way of Clare and Gladwin Counties | United Way Worldwide

United Way of Bay County | United Way Worldwide

United Way of Midland County | United Way Worldwide

Childcare assistance: The Tri-Share Program is an innovative public/private partnership that equally shares the cost of childcare between employers, employees, and the state of Michigan. MI Tri-Share Child Care Program Guidelines (michigan.gov)

Apprenticeships: Great business strategy for assisting transition of employees who need additional training with income.

Michigan Works! has become a top resource for Great Lakes Bay Region apprenticeship information.

Region 7B, Contact Bridget Baker at bbaker@michworks4u.org

Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!, Contact Jerry Russell at russellg@michiganworks.com

Bay and Arenac Counties can also contact Renee Aumock at aumockr@baisd.net

For further information or assistance accessing any of the resources mentioned please contact, Carol McCaul, Employer Talent Pipeline Lead at cmccaulsps@gmail.com.

Upcoming Career Fair Calendar

Date	Location/Time	Contact
April 18 - Great Lakes Bay Part-Time Internship & Job Fair	Delta College Main Campus Pioneer Gym 1:00 - 3:00pm	College Central Network®
May 2 - Mid Michigan College	Mid Michigan College - MP Campus Community Room 1:00 - 3:30 pm	adykhouse@midmich.edu
May 5 - Gratiot Isabella CTE	Gratiot Isabella CTE Mt. Pleasant Campus (time not currently listed)	Mary Kay Voeks mvoeks@mp.edzone.net
May 11 - Saginaw	Heritage High School 3465 N. Center Rd 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Susan Hill sdhill@stcs.org



Middle Michigan MiCareer Quest announces date for 2023

Amy Ames | 989-280-4133 | amesa@michiganworks.com

We are excited to announce that MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan 2023 will be held **Friday, September 29, 2023** at the SVSU Ryder Center. It is sure to be another engaging and safe, hands-on career exploration experience for 10th grade students, teachers, and counselors to learn about today's high demand jobs from employers like you! MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan 2023 is hosted by Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! and Michigan Works! Region 7B.

Please reach out to Amy Ames, Business Services Team Lead, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! at (989) 280-4133, amesa@michiganworks.com or Pam O'Laughlin, Chief Operations Officer, Michigan Works! Region 7B at 989-205-4560, poloughlin@michworks4u.org for more information on participation.

Michigan Safety Conference Program now Available.

This in person event will take place April 18 -19, 2023 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI. Complete details can be found by clicking the button below. Conference schedule available [here](#).

Vantage Plastics Shares IMPACT Grant Results

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Arenac County selected as one of five U.S. communities to lead new business-public health partnerships - Vantage Plastics employees, community to benefit

Arenac County has been selected as one of five communities across the country — and the only one in Michigan — to participate in a new program from the de Beaumont Foundation focused on strengthening the economic prosperity of communities by advancing public health and equity.

The program, Innovative, Multi-sector Partnerships for Community Transformation (IMPACT) in Public Health, aims to catalyze and support partnerships between governmental public health departments and the private sector.

Read complete press release [here](#).

Sailing a Steady Ship in Today's Interesting Economy

Yeo & Yeo CPAS & Advisors | Blog | February 8, 2023

Business owners: If you're having trouble reading the U.S. economy, you're not alone. On the one hand, the January 2023 jobs report revealed that the unemployment rate had fallen to 3.4%, its lowest level in 54 years. And inflation, while still a concern, has moderated in most sectors — staving off fears of a recession in the immediate future. And yet concern remains about whether the economy will grow or suddenly stall. And the Fed is expected to continue raising interest rates, meaning the battle against inflation is far from won. What can you do, strategically, to neither under- nor overreact to this “interesting” situation? Sail a steady ship.

[Read complete Blog here.](#)

MMA - Updates

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Plan to Attend - Manufacturing in America 23

This event is free to attend and will be held April 12 & 13 at Ford Field in Detroit. Exhibitors, seminars, and workshops will be held. Click for complete [details](#).

Speakers Announced for the 2023 Clearing the Air Event

April 18, 2023 · Lansing, Michigan · MMA Headquarters

Stay informed on urgent environmental air issues at MMA's annual Clearing the Air. This must-attend event partners MMA and the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and features leading professionals from

government, industry, advocacy groups and the legal profession. Registration available [here](#).

Speakers are as followed:

- Annette Switzer, Director, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy Air Quality Division
- Brad Myott, Manager, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy Air Quality Division Field Operations Section
- Trace McDonald, SIP Development Division, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy Air Quality Division
- Nick Leonard, Executive Director, Great Lakes Environmental Law Center
- Lillian Woolley, Senior Engineer, Fishbeck

Panel Discussion with
GZA GeoEnvironmental

- Jaime Boothby, Senior Consultant
- Jennifer Calnen, Senior Project Manager
- Anthony Percha, Principal

Save the Date!

The 2023 MFG Excellence Awards Ceremony & Dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023. Mark your calendar to attend. Nominations will open in June.

Save the Date!

The MMA Workforce Solutions Regional Meeting - Be Part of the Solution - will take place for our region October 12 in Bay City. Stay tuned for details or visit www.mimfg.org/workforcesolutionsmeetings.

INTERGR8 Pitch Competition - Win a Markforged Mark Two (Gen2) 3D Printer

Wanda Norman | 248-457-322 | normanW@automationalley.com

The pitch contest will take place at INTEGR8 conference and is hosted by the MEDC's Pure Michigan Business Connect.

ELIGIBILITY

Participating businesses must meet the following criteria:

- Businesses must be a manufacturer with a manufacturing facility in Michigan
- Businesses must be classified as a small business by the Small Business Administration: <https://www.sba.gov/federal-com>.
- Businesses must be an Essential Member with Automation Alley (free) or be an existing Automation Alley member. For more information and to sign-up visit Automation Alley's website.

PITCH COMPETITION

Each business invited to pitch will be asked to highlight the following items in their 4-minute pitch:

- Briefly introduce the business
- Clearly define a problem or inefficiency
- Specify how a 3D printer will solve the problem

· Communicate the impact of this project

Please refer to the [Process & Selection Terms & Conditions](#).

TIMELINE

Apr 6: Pitch application closes

Apr 7 - Apr 12: Applications Reviewed

Apr 28: Selected applicants invited to participate in Pitch Competition

May 3: Pitch prep session for invited participants

May 9: In-person Pitch Competition

PRIZE PACKAGE

Grand prize is a Markforged Mark Two (Gen2) 3D Printer and 1-year Advance Subscription package with additional wrap-around services.

2nd place prize is a Markforged Onyx One (Gen2) Desktop Series Printer with additional wrap-around services.

3rd place will receive a \$5K credit towards a project with the I4.0 Accelerator

All other competitors may receive a technology assessment from Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center. Applicants can also receive an Automation Alley Leadership Evaluation to assess their readiness to adopt I4.0 technology. As a manufacturer, all applicants receive a free ticket to Integr8.

Contact pmbc@michigan.org with any questions.

INTEGR8 Registration now open

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is redefining the way we work and live. Connected, intelligent and transformative, Industry 4.0 is empowering people and businesses across the globe. How will you harness its power? Automation Alley's Integr8 conference creates a space for collaboration, exploration and discovery as we tackle the social, economic and environmental challenges associated with Industry 4.0 and lay the foundations for the innovations of tomorrow.

This day-long conference will focus on a software-first approach to advanced manufacturing that promotes agility, resiliency and efficiency.



May 9, 2023

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Novi, MI

Early Bird Registration ends February 28, 2023.

3D Printer Pitch Competition

[LEARN MORE](#) or [REGISTER](#)

Automate: Powering What's Possible

A3 | 734-994-6088 | automateshow.com

May 22–25, 2023 · Detroit, Michigan · Huntington Place Convention Center

As Automate continues to grow in prominence and extend its influence, this event has become a must-attend for anyone currently working with automation, companies that want

to begin to use automation, and those looking for ways to capitalize on the technology.

As the leading automation showcase in North America, the hands-on, front-row-seat experiences are second to none. The gathering of expertise and experience is unmatched. The opportunities to learn, get better and make a fast impact abound. Whether you already use automation or you're just curious, Automate is simply a can't-miss.

[Registration](#) now open.

MEP Supplier Scouting Opportunities

The following supplier opportunities are available through the MEP center. These are national MEP Center clients seeking domestic suppliers for the various items. Please contact Tanya Blehm for complete details on how to submit a Supplier Scouting form. Tanya can be reached at tblehm@svsu.edu or 989-964-2881.

Current Opportunities:

Opportunity: 2023-025 Inertial Navigation Systems closes April 3

Submitted by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Opportunity: 2023-026 Reflective Mylar Film Sheets closes April 3

Submitted by Manufacturer's Edge (Colorado MEP)

Opportunity: 2023-027 Perovskite closes April 3

Submitted by Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (Illinois MEP)

Opportunity: 2023-028 Ultra-Microbalance closes April 3

Submitted by EPA

Opportunity: 2023-029 Rotary Manifold Seals closes April 7

Submitted by the Center for Industrial Research and Service (Iowa MEP)

Opportunity: 2023-016 Extruded Copper for Box Connector closes May 25

Submitted by Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (part of Pennsylvania MEP)

Opportunity: 2023-004 Level 2 EV Charger closes Jan. 5, 2024

Submitted by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Opportunity: 2023-005 DC Fast Charger closes Jan. 5, 2024

Submitted by EPA

[Sign Up for more Supplier Opportunities - Michigan CONNEX program](#)

We welcome your company updates and events but ask that they be ready to cut and paste to ensure that data transfer is correct and no errors occur. The GLBMA policy is to share items that align with manufacturing in our newsletter. The GLBMA reserves the right to correct any grammatical errors prior to publishing. The GLBMA reserves additional emails for events, partners, state initiatives, and MFG Champions*. The GLBMA does not share or publish our contact list, event list, or email list. If you would like to submit something for consideration, please send it to tblehm@svsu.edu. The GLBMA reserves the right to use submissions and edit for grammar or punctuation for clarification. **The GLBMA newsletter is published about the 15th of each month, items must be received no later than the 10th of the month.** Thank you.

*MFG Champions are allowed one email per year; please call 989-964-2881 for more details.

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