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Welcome - [Prometis Partners](#)

Prometis Partners's goal is to help owners of small and mid-sized businesses realize more value when they decide to sell their companies. It's a fact that businesses that are transition ready sell more quickly and receive better offers than ones whose owners are unprepared or have short timelines for sale. Because of this, our purpose is to educate business owners on how to become transition ready well in advance. This means, for many owners, the process begins years before they desire or need to sell their companies.

Please note: If you are currently receiving this newsletter and not a current member of the GLBMA, you will no longer receive this newsletter. You will be moved to a GLBMA interest list that will be sent MFG news and event invitations for general manufacturing events. If you wish to continue receiving the GLBMA newsletter and event details please contact Tanya at 989-964-2881.

GLBMA Feature

September Round Table - "Quality"

Still time to reserve your seat for our quarterly round table on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at Case System, Inc. in Midland. This will be held from 7:30 am to 9:00 am with light breakfast refreshments. Please register to ensure seating and refreshments for participants.

This round table is for plant managers, quality manager, coordinator, supervisor, champion, or quality control employee. We plan to discuss quality systems, benefits and cost saving opportunities. This round table will be a lead in to our Quality Special Interest Group (SIG)

To sign up for this event, [click here](#) or call 989-964-2881.

Women in MFG - Special Interest Group

Calling all women in manufacturing! Join us for a Hump Day Happy Hour! Grab a beverage and enjoy some time with like minded women. The first night we will set some ground rules and topics for discussion at our next gatherings. This group is meant to provide support to other women in MFG and share experienced learning moments.

We will meet Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at Timbers Bar & Grill, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. There is no cost to attend but we ask that you consider buying a beverage when joining us. We will

provide a few appetizers for the group at the first meeting. We encourage you to bring a fellow woman in MFG that is not currently a part of the GLBMA.

To sign up for this event, [click here](#) or call 989-964-2881.

Going PRO application now open!

Open through Wednesday, October 2nd COB



If you have an existing Pure Michigan Talent Connect account you would like to use, follow these steps:

- Step 1: Go to this link <https://app.wda.state.mi.us/WBL/signin>
- Step 2: In the "User ID" field enter the email address associated with your Pure Michigan Talent Connect account (PMTC)
- Step 3: In the "Password" you will enter the same password that you use to sign in to PMTC
- Step 4: click "Sign in"

If you don't have an existing account you will need to follow these steps:

Please note, you can choose to not sign in using your PMTC account. In the event that you do not want to sign in using a PMTC account, you will need to follow the steps below.

- Step 1: Go to this link <https://app.wda.state.mi.us/WBL/signin>
- Step 2: Click "Sign Up Today"
- Step 3: You will land at a screen that says "Register New User" at the top of the screen.
- Step 4: Fill in all required fields. All fields are required except for "Middle Initial" and "Suffix"
- ☐ NOTE: You can not create an account using the same email used for your PMTC account

- Step 5: Click submit
- Step 6: Go to <https://app.wda.state.mi.us/WBL/signin>
- Step 7: You will enter email address used in step 4 in "User ID" field
- Step 8: You will enter password created in Step 4 in "Password" field
- Step 9: Click "Sign in"

For further information, please contact your local Mi Works! Office or The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity - Workforce Development, 201 N. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48913
517-335-5858 or www.michigan.gov/TalentFund

Calling All Manufacturers

Register to Attend

WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE




INDEPENDENT
Testing Laboratory

**INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY'S
OPEN HOUSE**

LEARN ABOUT NEXT GENERATION TESTING & TECH
 • October 15, 2019 •
 Curtiss Hall - Alumni Lounge
 Saginaw Valley State University

• 4:30 PM **REGISTRATION**
 • 5:00 PM **INDUSTRY 4.0 PRESENTATION**
BY MICHIGAN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER
 • 6:00 PM **TEST LAB TOURS**
 • HORS D'OEUVRES PROVIDED •

*RSVP TO TANYA BLEHM BY **SEPT 30***
TLBLEHM@SVSU.EDU OR 989.964.2881

Save the Date! - GLBMA Annual Meeting



Watch for your official invitation with complete details in your email shortly.

Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm join us to celebrate the GLBMA! We welcome Patti Poppe, President & CEO of CMS Energy.

Patti Poppe is President and Chief Executive Officer of Jackson, Michigan based CMS Energy and its principal subsidiary, Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest utility and the nation's fourth largest combination utility. Consumers Energy provides electricity and natural gas to 6.7 million of Michigan's 10 million Lower Peninsula residents. She was elected to this position in July 2016. [Read her complete bio here!](#)

Registration opens September 20th!

Opportunities Abound

Last Call for MFG Photos

The GLBMA is putting together several region displays. We are hoping to include all types of manufacturers within our displays. If you have a high resolution photo that we can use to highlight your manufacturing or product, please email to Tanya at tlblehm@svsu.edu. You do not have to be a member to be a part of this display. **Must be submitted by the end of business on September 20th to be included.**



Submit photos here!



National MFG Day - Please register your event!

MFG Day 2019 is on October 4th and we hope you'll host again as we continue to raise awareness for students, parents, and educators on the opportunities that exist for a career in manufacturing. As you'll see from last year's wrap up video, the movement continues to captivate and engage students, showcasing what their future in manufacturing could be.

To be sure you're part of the excitement around MFG Day 2019, here are a few quick tips:

- [Sign up as a host](#) - it takes just a few minutes
- [Help share your story](#) about what your company is doing and why it matters
- [Access resources](#) to help promote your event
- Help spark student interest in careers in manufacturing—be part of the [#CreatorsWantedmovement!](#)

We can't wait to see what you do at MFG Day 2019! Please email info@mfgday.com with any questions.

The MFG Day Team

Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA)

- Vote for the "Coolest" thing made in Michigan. You may vote for up to 4 items each day through September 18, 2019 at Mlive.com. Round two of voting from the top ten selected products will start later in the month. Stay tune to see who wins in November.
- Register to attend the 2019 MFG Excellence Awards. Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing. [Click for more details.](#)

mi hidden talent workshop

A free workshop providing resources, strategies and best practices for hiring and retaining Michiganders with disabilities. Featuring keynote speaker - Greg Pollock, PNC Accessibility Officer & Vice President of Human Resources. [Click here to download the event flyer.](#) Registration is available at www.sbam.org

Member News

Wright-K Technology, Inc. renews partnership with Arplas Welding of Belgium

Wright-K Technology, Inc. is pleased to announce a Renewed partnership with Arplas Welding of Belgium. Arplas is a world-wide supplier of Barrel and Pail Welding Equipment and Attachments and coordinated the Sales Manufacturing efforts for Newcor Bay City in the European markets in the 1980's. [Read complete press release here!](#)

Central Michigan Manufacturers Association (CMMA)

The CMMA in partnership with the Gratiot-Isabella RESD is working on their Marshall Plan and looking for your help!

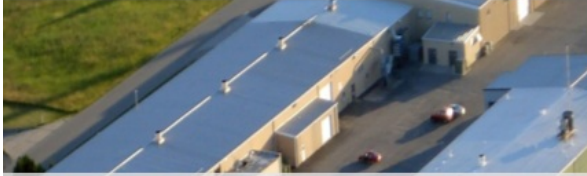
The key focus of what they will be doing under this grant is what they are calling Workplace Citizenship. Basically, it is to implement school programs that address the lack of soft skills. Most all of you have commented about soft skills being a real challenge with many new job applicants. We ask that you take a few minutes and complete the survey information below.

[Marshall Plan Workplace Citizenship Skills Survey](#)



CMMA Best Practices Tour

Thursday, October 10th
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm



Aircraft Precision Products
185 Industrial Parkway
Ithaca, MI 48847



Hutchinson Aerospace
1300 S County Farm Drive
Ithaca, MI 48847

Register to Attend Here

GLBMA is seeking companies and individuals to become stars!

We would like to start highlighting our members each week or month depending on how soon we can get all the manufacturing members on board. We are currently scheduling a drone videographer to do a fly over and into our members facilities. We will be highlighting these on the GLBMA website and social media in hopes to bring some brand recognition to the area as well as get the next generation excited about manufacturing. Please call or email Tanya to set-up your appointment and discuss details.

In addition, we are looking for some individuals that are willing to do a short video on why skilled trades are important to both your company and the region. These will be used at the local Intermediate School District to encourage youth to check out skilled trades while they are still in high school as well as provide support of the new PRIME locations. Be a star today. Contact Tanya for details. 989-964-2881 or tblehm@svsu.edu.

Save the Date

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

Tuesday, September 24 - Quality Round Table

Tuesday, October 15 - Best Practice Tour

Tuesday, October 22 - GLBMA Annual Dinner



MFG Champion

Learn how to become a MFG Champion. Call Tanya at 989-964-2881 or email tblehm@svsu.edu





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