



Announcements

In case , you missed the announcement made last week, please see the complete details below about our exciting news!

Please note: all **blue colored text** as well as some photos are a hyperlink.



What's in the newsletter this month!

- Welcome
- GLBMA Events/Programs
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- Automation Alley
- Michigan Manufacturers Association News/Events

GLBMA News



Upcoming Events at a Glance

July 22 - HR SIG Meeting
July 24 - Collaborative Supply Chain SIG Meeting
July 31 - GLBMA Golf Outing

Save the evening of October 16, 2025 for the Joint
GLBMA & CMMA Annual Meeting



June 11, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Exciting News! The GLBMA and CMMA Are Joining Forces!

To our Valued Association Members,

On behalf of the Boards of the Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association (GLBMA) and the Central Michigan Manufacturers Association (CMMA), we are excited to announce a significant and strategic step forward: **our two organizations are officially merging**, leveraging the best of each organization to form the strongest manufacturing advocacy and support resources in our region and state.

This decision reflects our shared values and a deep commitment to supporting the manufacturers who power our economy, employ our neighbors, and invest in our communities. Together, we will expand our ability to serve our members, build meaningful partnerships, and advocate for the future of Michigan manufacturing.

Our merger enhances our collective ability to:

- **Champion education and workforce development**, including robust support and advocacy for STEM, Career and Technical Education (CTE), post-secondary education and robotics programs.
- **Strengthening industry collaboration** through networking, shared resources, and regional events.
- **Provide enhanced training opportunities** and professional development for teams at every level.
- **Support focused growth and innovation** through special interest groups designed to address key topics and challenges in manufacturing.
- **Advocate with greater impact** on issues that matter to manufacturers at the local, state, and national levels.

In 1912, a foundation was laid for what would become over 100 years of regional leadership in manufacturing support and advocacy. As the manufacturing presence in the middle of the mitten expanded, so did the need for a strong industry resource to support its stakeholders. Over the decades, our organizations have evolved alongside the industry itself, always guided by a commitment to local businesses and strong communities. Today, the counties served by our two organizations are well-positioned to leverage the solid foundations built over time to secure a strong future for manufacturing in our region.

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www.centralmichiganmanufacturers.org



During this exciting process, our mission remains rooted in what our organizations have in common: a shared belief in the power of manufacturing to transform lives, strengthen communities, and fuel innovation. As we move forward, all current board members from both GLBMA and CMMA will be retained, ensuring strong, experienced leadership and continuity throughout the transition.

There is much to be worked through in the coming months, not the least of which is selecting a new organization name that honors our rich history, reflects our promise for the future, and supports the structure needed to carry out our mission. We are grateful for your continued support and commitment. As we bring this vision to life, you'll receive more details about the integration process and opportunities for our valued members of this growing community.

Together, we're building something greater.

With gratitude,

Justin Lipscomb
President
Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association

Bill Henderson
President
Central Michigan Manufacturers Association

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2025 GLBMA Golf Outing - Looking for Door prizes and Goodie bag Items.

We look forward to hosting you and your team on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at Apple Mountain Golf Course. Please make sure your team names have been turned in before July 25, 2025. Email address will help ensure all teams receive the event reminder.

We are sold out! Look forward to have 165 with golfers and volunteers for the day.

Driving Range and Registration at 8:00 am
Shotgun start at 9:00 am

Additional games are available on the course and prior to the start. Details will be shared in the event reminder sent out the Monday before the outing to all registered golfers with

emails.

We ask for a designated team captain for each team. The team captain will be responsible for picking up the registration materials. We hope this will alleviate congestion at registration.

Thank you to Apple Mountain Golf Course for hosting this event and to all our sponsors.

**Thank you for supporting our annual GLBMA golf outing.
Please call the GLBMA office for details.**

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GOLF OUTING
Thank You to Our Sponsors

July 31st, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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2025 GLBMA Scholarship Winners Announced

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Roscoe Smith

Roscoe is a 2025 graduate from Saginaw United High School. He will be attending Saginaw Valley State University in the fall studying Chemical Engineering.



No Photo Available!

Brenden Phillips

Brenden is a native of Bay City and a 2020 graduate of John Glenn High School in Bangor Township. He attends Delta College where he is studying mechanical engineering technology.



Rebecca Yager

Currently working on her Associates in Manufacturing and Industrial Technology degree. Works at Fullerton Tool Company.

Best Practice Tour at Keel/Merrill - Save the Date

Mark your calendar for this upcoming tour of the Keel/Merrill plant. This will be held on Wednesday, September 17. Before you register to attend please note the following:

- This is an ITAR facility and will require you to be a US Citizen and your driver's license or id number is required in the registration process.
- Entry may be limited.
- We are asking competing companies refrain from registering.
- Non Manufacturing companies are restricted to two people. Additional people can be waitlisted to allow our manufacturing members to attend.
- This tour will have a morning (9:30 am to 11:00 am) tour and then an afternoon (1:30 pm to 3:00 pm) tour.

Please download this form and fill out before registering. You will need to attached your form to the registration.

Register for the Keel/Merrill tour

GLBMA Teacher Grant Awarded

Place article copy here. Be sure to make the articles short and concise as people tend not to read much more than a couple of paragraphs. Place article copy here.





Women in Manufacturing Special Interest Group (WIM) Events

Next Meeting is in August 20th - Bay City

Join me for networking, dinner, and stay for the music. We will meet on the patio of the Riverfront Grille at the DoubleTree in Bay City on August 20, 2025

5:00 pm Networking/beverages

5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Music in Wenonah Park - Jimmy Buffett Tribute band Air Margaritaville

Join us for a drink, dinner, or music, stay for all or part. We ask that you register so we obtain enough setting as of now we are limited to 20 seats and if we need more I need to add sooner than later. Thank you.

We have a limited menu available for review [here](#). All food and beverage cost are at your own expense for this event.

We encourage you to bring a chair for the music in the park.

The Women in Manufacturing (WIM) group is open to anyone who wishes to join us. This is a non sales group. Our focus is networking and socializing with like minded women fostering relationships to encourage women to choose careers in manufacturing or trades that would not normally be considered. If you would like to receive updates please let us know.

[Register to attend here!](#)

Human Resource Special Interest Group

July 22, 2025 | 8:00 am - 10:00 am | Vantage Plastics - Bay City Location

Join us for this informative meeting. As the need for talent in the manufacturing industry grows, it's important to assess the potential of current talent. Growth and development foster a stronger organizational culture, with a workforce that is challenged and fulfilled. Join to learn about the creation of learning culture, individual skill development, and effective team building.

We will also be discussing Insurance options and what is best for our company. Of course, we will always have time for networking.

We will also review the wage survey from the CAMC, JAMA, and the GLBMA members.

Speakers:

Julie Soderberg, Soderberg Leadership Solutions, LLC

and

Jimmy Greene, Saginaw Spirit

This session offers both HCRI and SHRM professional continuing ed credits. The Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association is recognized by SHRM to offer Professional Development Credits (PDCs) for SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP® recertification activities. This program is valid for 1.75 PDCs for SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP®.

This Program has been approved for 1 HR (General) recertification credit hour toward aPHR®, aPHRi™, PHR®, SPHR®, GPHR®, PHRi™, and SPHRi™

Thank you to Vantage Plastics for hosting this meeting and Rehmann for sponsoring and coordinating this group.

[Register to participate](#)



Save the Date for the Last Two HR Meetings of the Year

October 28, 2025 | 8:00 am to 10:00 am | Duperon, 1200 Leon Scott, Saginaw Navigating Generational Shifts in the Workplace by Elizabeth Williams

December 2, 2025 | 8:00 am to 10:00 am | Rehmann, 5800 Gratiot, Saginaw Labor Law updates for 2026 - Speakers are DeAndre' Harris, Joe Rockwell, and Dave Worthams

Registration will open soon. Thank you to Rehmann for sponsoring this group.

Partner News

Collaborative Supply Chain SIG Meeting

Virtual option is available, please see details below. We look forward to seeing you.



Collaborative Supply Chain SIG Meeting



Freight & Logistics Insights for Michigan Manufacturers

Explore critical supply chain trends impacting Michigan manufacturers with MMA and regional manufacturing associations CAMC, CMMA, GLBMA and JAMA.

Hear from industry experts, including Emo Trans Detroit's Peter Jaeger and Automated Logistics Systems' Chris Brenner, on the current state of container shipping and learn about significant upcoming changes to the National Motor Freight Classification (NMFC) system that will affect how LTL (less-than-truckload) freight is classified and priced — with direct implications for operational costs, efficiency and compliance.

Join Us!

Thursday, July 24
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
MMA Headquarters, Lansing

Register

Can't attend in person? Contact MMA's Elizabeth Maciejewski, 517-487-8542 or maciejewski@mimfg.org, for details to participate virtually.

LEO offers 3-Part Webinar Series - Building Respectful & Inclusive Organizations: Combating Mistreatment at Work

Thursday, July 24 | 2:00 pm | Join event [here](#)

Episode 1: Incivility and Microaggressions

The first session of the series, Dr. Kaminski will introduce how incivility and microaggressions are recognized as forms of mistreatment that are less severe than bullying or physical violence. They are also more common, and when people experience them on a regular basis, they have a cumulative harmful impact. She'll talk about things that individuals can do in response, and things that leaders can do to prevent them from happening in the future.

Thursday, August 21 | 2:00 pm | Join event [here](#)

Episode 2: Witnessing Workplace Mistreatment

In the second session, Dr. Kaminski will discuss what you can do if you are a witness to someone else being mistreated in the workplace and what you should do. She will talk through issues and concerns people have when they witness something and aren't sure whether or not to respond and how to respond.

Thursday, September 18 | 2:00 pm | Join event [here](#)

Episode 3: Conducting Respectful and Effective Workplace Investigations

In the final session of the series, Dr. Riley will focus on the way workplace investigations are conducted sends a powerful message about an organization's values. This is especially critical in cases involving bullying, harassment or other trauma-related incidents, where mishandling can cause lasting harm. Dr. Riley will walk through the essential steps of a respectful and effective workplace investigation.

To learn more, visit Michigan.gov/WorkplaceMentalHealth, a centralized hub to share resources and strategies aimed at helping employees and employers across the state address mental health in the workplace.

One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) Key Changes for Business

The following is taking from Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Advisors' Blog President Trump Signs One Big Beautiful Bill Act Into Law, July 8, 2026 (full Blog can be read [here](#))

Key changes affecting businesses

- Makes permanent and expands the 20% qualified business income (QBI) deduction for owners of pass-through entities (such as partnerships, limited liability companies and S corporations) and sole proprietorships
- Makes permanent 100% bonus depreciation for the cost of qualified new and used assets, for property acquired after January 19, 2025
- Creates a 100% deduction for the cost of "qualified production property" for qualified property placed into service after July 4, 2025, and before 2031
- Increases the Sec. 179 expensing limit to \$2.5 million and the expensing phaseout threshold to \$4 million for 2025, with annual inflation adjustments going forward
- Increases the cap on the business interest deduction by excluding depreciation, amortization and depletion from the calculation of "adjusted taxable income"
- Permanently allows the immediate deduction of domestic research and experimentation expenses (retroactive to 2022 for eligible small businesses)
- Makes permanent the excess business loss limit
- Prohibits the IRS from issuing refunds for certain Employee Retention Tax Credit claims that were filed after January 31, 2024
- Eliminates clean energy tax incentives, including the qualified commercial clean vehicle credit, the alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit and the Sec. 179D deduction for energy-efficient commercial buildings
- Permanently renews and enhances the Qualified Opportunity Zone program
- Permanently extends the New Markets Tax Credit
- Permanently increases the maximum employer-provided child care credit to \$500,000 (\$600,000 for small businesses), with annual inflation adjustments
- Makes permanent and modifies the employer credit for paid family and medical leave
- Makes permanent the exclusion for employer payments of student loans, with annual inflation adjustments to the maximum exclusion beginning in 2027
- Makes permanent the foreign-derived intangible income (FDII) and global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI) deductions and the minimum base erosion and anti-abuse tax (BEAT)
- Expands the qualified small business stock gain exclusion for stock issued after the date of enactment

Yeo & Yeo will host a webinar on Monday, July 21 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am - Understanding the Impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill. You can register [here](#).

Rehmann provided the following article on the OBBBA. President Trump Signs "One Big Beautiful Bill" into Law, July 8, 2025 (full article can be read [here](#))

We take the following from this article to highlight for our members.

Clean Energy Policy: The OBBBA significantly reverses the prior administration's efforts to incentivize clean energy investments. Many clean energy tax breaks passed under the last administration are phased out or eliminated. Specifically, the \$7,500 consumer tax credit for electric vehicles (EVs) is eliminated for purchases made after September 30, 2025.

Spending Cuts: The package curtails spending on certain safety-net programs:

- **Medicaid:** The OBBB imposes cuts to Medicaid, reducing spending on the program by an estimated \$1 trillion over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office. These cuts include restraints on federal funding matches for state programs and new work requirements for able-bodied recipients.
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** The OBBB expands work requirements for SNAP (food stamps) recipients, which is expected to decrease the number of individuals qualified for benefits.

Other Provisions:

- **Debt Limit:** A \$5 trillion increase in the U.S. debt limit within the package eliminates the risk of a payment default that the Treasury had forecast for mid-August.
- **Immigration and Military Spending:** The OBBB provides new resources for immigration enforcement and military spending.
- **Direct File:** The OBBB funds a study on a private/public partnership to expand Free File, the IRS's free tax-filing system.
- **Excise Tax on College Endowments:** The OBBB implements a larger excise tax on the investment income of endowments of private universities and colleges.
- **Trump Accounts:** The OBBB adopts the framework for new tax-advantaged savings accounts for children (aka "Trump accounts").
- **International Tax Rules:** The package includes various changes to international tax rules, including adjustments to foreign tax credits, foreign-derived intangible income (FDII), and global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI).

Michigan Chamber of Commerce summary of the OBBBA can be found [here](#).

The Small Business Association of Michigan's summary can be found [here](#).

SVSU announces Fall Career Fairs for 2025 to 2026, Introduces new Employer & Development Specialist

Accounting & Finance Fair | September 11, 2025 | 3:00 to 5:00 pm EDT

Fall University-Wide Employment Fair | September 19, 2025 | Noon to 3:00 pm EDT

Manufacturing & Information Technology Fair | November 20, 2025 | 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm EST

Spring University-Wide Employment Fair | February 6, 2026 | Noon to 3:00 pm EST

Please contact SVSU, Career Center for complete details. They can be reached at 989-964-4954 or at careers@svsu.edu.

Heather joined the Career Center last month as our Employer and Student Development Specialist, and we're excited for the impact she'll make in strengthening connections between SVSU students and our valued employer partners. A proud SVSU alumna, Heather earned her BBA in Management in 2019 and brings both passion and experience to her new role.

Heather will be your main point of contact for all things related to the Employer Partnership Program—and she's eager to connect with you!

For more information on how to get involved in Career Services, please contact Heather Van Sumeren | hvansume@svsu.edu

Accounting Interns or Work Study Students from SVSU

Accounting Professor Jadallah Jadallah is seeking accounting opportunities for his incoming fall students. If you have a need for some accounting help, please reach out to Professor Jadallah. He shared that the intern positions can be paid or non paid. There are also students that chose and Independent Study. These students are not paid but work the 15 weeks with you instead of going to a class.

Professor Jadallah can be reach at jjadalla@svsu.edu or 989-964-6074 for complete details.

Registration is now open



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14TH ANNUAL
**Great Lakes
Bay Regional
CHAMBER
SUMMIT**



August 12, 2025 | 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Great Hall Banquet & Conference Center

5121 Bay City Road | Midland, MI 48642

2025 Award Winners

Small Business – Blystone & Bailey

Individual – John Kaczynski

Quality of Life – Greater Midland/Greater

Midland Tennis Center

Corporate Achievement – Hemlock

Semiconductor Operations LLC

**Registration: \$65 per person
or \$520 table of 8**

Register here!

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2ND ANNUAL

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3:30-REGISTRATION

4:00-PUTT PUTT START

5:00-NETWORKING / REFRESHMENTS

Buck's Run Golf Club
1559 S. Chippewa Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI

Join other emerging leaders in the manufacturing industry for a friendly putt putt scramble followed by networking with drinks and appetizers.

**Please bring your own putter and wear golf attire!
Golfing, 1 drink ticket and appetizers included.*

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08:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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RE:MAKING MICHIGAN INNOVATION EXPO

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR NEWEST TECH EVENT 8/15!

Join MMTC, in partnership with Automation Alley and Saginaw Valley State University, at our **NEWEST Re:Making Michigan Innovation Expo** focused on *Accelerating Technology Adoption and Digital Transformation*! This dynamic event, which brings together manufacturers, industry leaders, students, and technology providers, explores the transformative power of automation, robotics, AI, IoT, and smart manufacturing solutions and is designed to address next steps of *how to successfully implement Industry 4.0 technologies* in your manufacturing operations. Through hands-on tech demos, expert-led presentations, and stories directly from manufacturers, attendees will gain actionable insights on how to *implement cutting-edge technologies* to drive efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance product quality. Future-proof your operations and stay ahead in the digital era.



EVENT DETAILS

AUGUST 15, 2025

10am - 2pm

Registration begins at 9:30am

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Curtiss Hall 2nd Floor

7400 Bay Road | University Center, MI

This is a free event. Lunch will be provided.

FREE Parking is available in lots J, J1 & J2

AGENDA

Welcome

Keynote Presentation

Lunch

Panel Discussion

3D Printer Raffle

Technology Expo + Networking

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Registered participants will be entered into a raffle to win a 3D printer.



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SBA Shares Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Drought Information

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) – Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.

[Michigan Declaration 21171](#)
[SBA Drought Loan Information Sheet](#)

Looking forward to November 2026

(shared from the Midland Business Alliance, June 2025)

Note: This information is provided solely to inform our members. It does not constitute an endorsement or opposition to any issues or candidates. We aim to keep you informed and up to date. As always, we rely on the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA) for the most accurate and vetted information.

Five Potential Ballot Measures

We're just settling into summer of '25, but already the seeds are being sown for the November '26 election.

Michigan voters will definitely encounter statewide ballot measures. One measure automatically hits the ballot every 16 years, and 2026 is the year. This measure will ask voters if they'd like to hold a constitutional convention, which would essentially open the door to making changes—ranging from just a few adjustments to a complete overhaul—in Michigan's constitution. As risky as that may sound, if approved by the voters, the process is actually lengthy and requires further voter input. Bridge Michigan lays it all out in their June 6, 2025 article.

In many cases, though, measures end up on ballots as a result of a group organizing and then collecting enough valid petition signatures to warrant its inclusion on the ballot. Before the signatures can be gathered, however, the petition language must first be approved by Michigan's Board of State Canvassers. Already this year, that body has met and approved the petition language for Protect Voters' Rights, which is advocating for a constitutional amendment requiring proof of US citizenship to vote in public elections.

However, the Board of State Canvassers already has three other requests for reviewing petition language. If the language is approved and enough valid petition signatures collected, those ballot measures will center on:

A referendum to essentially nullify the paid sick leave and minimum wage laws signed on February 20, 2025, and revert back to the court-ordered laws that were set to take effect February 21, 2025. If and as soon as the committee locks in the referendum by collecting enough valid petition signatures, the laws signed on February 20th would be suspended until the November 2026 election takes place. This would cause widespread disruption and inefficiencies for all employers but especially for small businesses. Voters to Stop Pay Cuts is the committee backing this proposal.

A constitutional amendment to impose a "surcharge" of 5% tax against the income of someone earning \$500,000 annually, or \$1,000,000 as a married couple. Backers of this strategy, Invest in MI Kids, are aiming to generate at least \$1 billion more annually as revenue for public schools.

A constitutional amendment to rebuild Michigan's system of voting by moving to a "ranked choice" method. At the moment, only Alaska and Maine have statewide ranked voting, although a handful of local municipalities—including Washington D.C. in November 2025—adopted this process. Rank MI Vote is putting the ballot initiative forward.

The Board of State Canvassers has set the deadlines for approving or rejecting the language for all three within the next month. And, beyond these three, we are hearing rumblings of groups aiming to put forward measures to eliminate property tax and institute a statewide program of paid family leave.

The road until the November 2026 ballot is all buttoned up is long, indeed. We will continue to keep you apprised of the measures you'll see on your ballot.

So, What Else Will Michigan Vote on in 2026?

Next November's election will be rather unusual, due to both an open US Senate seat and an open gubernatorial seat appearing on the ballot. US Senator Gary Peters will conclude his service at the end of 2026, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer will "term out" at the end of 2026, as well.

So, who's already tossed their hat into the ring? Again, there's plenty of runway leading up to the final printing of ballots, but we've already got a pretty good idea who is running for these key seats. As of June 23rd, here's a list of the candidates from the three major

political parties.

Democrats running for Governor include:

- Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist
- Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
- Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson
- Former Mayor of Cape Coral, FL Marni Sawicki

Republicans running for Governor include:

- US Representative John James
- Michigan Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt
- Former Michigan House Speaker Tom Leonard
- Former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox
- Anthony Hudson
- Evan Space

Independent running for Governor:

- Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan

Democrats running for US Senate include:

- US Representative Haley Stevens
- Michigan Senator Mallory McMorrow
- Michigan State Representative Joe Tate
- Former gubernatorial candidate Abdul El-Sayed

Republicans running for US Senate include:

- US Representative Mike Rogers

Automation Alley Updates

Roundtable Playbooks

[Boosting Productivity in the AI Frontier](#)

[Staying Ahead: Securing Industry From Cyber Threats](#)

[Additive Manufacturing at the Tipping Point](#)



Integr8 Roundtables

Automation Alley has announced their schedule for the Integr8 roundtables.

August 13 - Global Trends

September 10 - ICE to EV

October 9 - Integr8 Mixer

Please check the Automation Alley [website](#) for more details on the above events and the international trade missions. This year they will be traveling to SE Asia in May.

Advanced Manufacturing Expo 2025

Free to attend and visit the four Manufacturing Halls available. Join us Wednesday, August 6, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Thursday, August 7, 8:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

Michigan Manufacturers Association Updates

MMA 2025 Magazine

MMA | mimfg.org | 517.372.5900 | view current edition of the Mi Mfg Magazine [here!](#)



How to start an Apprenticeship Program (click to read)

Support the MMA and imPACt Golf Classic on September 8, 2025 - See details [here](#).

2025 Coolest Thing Made in Michigan Nominations Open

The Coolest Thing Made in Michigan competition calls attention to the impressive products being made by creative thinkers and doers right here in the Great Lakes State.

Help shine a spotlight on the most innovative, impactful and downright cool products made right here in Michigan by submitting nominations for the [2025 Coolest Thing Made in Michigan now through Thursday, 8/14/25](#).

2025 Workforce Solutions Summit Registration Opens

Building on years of advocating for talent resources for Michigan manufacturers, MMA's 2025 Workforce Solutions Summit will explore how employers can develop resilient talent pipelines, cultivate collaborative networks and support a thriving workforce ecosystem.

We have a robust lineup of resources ready to help you address your talent issues — <https://mimfg.org/workforcesummit>.

Join the Legacy - MMA Award Nominations Open

Nominate a Deserving Individual, Outstanding Company or Noteworthy Product Today.

The annual Manufacturing Excellence Awards celebrate the leaders and products that are pushing the manufacturing industry forward. Nominations close at 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 14, 2025. See complete details [here](#).

Carbon Capture Legislation Introduced

The Senate Energy and Environment Committee heard testimony on Senate Bills 394, 395 and 396, recently re-introduced legislation on carbon capture and storage technology (CCUS).

MMA supports and is leading the way in establishing a state-level regulatory structure for the use of carbon capture and storage in Michigan to advance the decarbonization of our industrial base. This regulatory structure will provide a clearer path to deployment of CCUS projects in Michigan.

State-level CCUS regulatory structure will provide certainty to investors planning large scale investment in carbon capture and storage technology that will protect and create jobs in Michigan's current industrial base and create more economic development to improve our state's economy.

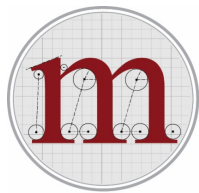
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