

Future of Manufacturing Summit
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Ohio Chamber of Commerce Offices

9:00am: Check-in and Registration

9:30am-9:40am: Welcome & Introduction

9:45am-10:30am: Meeting the Energy Needs of Manufacturers in the 21st Century

- Tony Long, General Counsel and Director of Energy Policy, Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Doug Myers, Director of Business Development, EWI
- Rick Stockburger, BRITE Energy Innovators
- Chris Ventura, Executive Director – Midwest, Consumer Energy Alliance

Explore how manufacturers are adapting to modern energy demands driven by the industry's continuous evolution.

10:30am-11:30am: Developing the Future Workforce of Manufacturing

- Justin Barnes, Director of Federal Affairs, Workforce, Small Business & Technology Policy, Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Jon Graft, Superintendent/CEO, Butler Tech
- Ande Durojaiye, Vice President of Regional Campuses, Miami University
- Teresa Simons, Executive Director, Alliance for Working Together (AWT) Foundation
- William (Bill) Swan, Talent Program Specialist / Community Engagement, Swagelok

Discuss the strategies required to cultivate the next generation of skilled workers, including education, apprenticeships, and partnerships with higher education and technical training institutions.

11:45am-12:30pm: Lunch Keynote: Meredith Reffey, Department Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Strategic Partnerships, American Honda

Hear from Meredith Reffey, Department Lead of Workforce Partnerships for American Honda Motor Co., as she shares her perspectives on innovation and the future of manufacturing.

12:30pm-1:30pm: Scaling Operations, Accessing Capital, and Increasing Efficiency in Manufacturing

- Glenn Richardson, Managing Director of Advanced Manufacturing and Aerospace, JobsOhio
- Toby Thunberg, Vice President & General Manager, Axium Packaging
- Max Brickman, Managing Director, Heartland Ventures
- Pete Mitchell, Project Manager, Carrus Group

Gain valuable insights into how to expand your operations, secure funding, and streamline processes to boost productivity and growth.

1:30pm-2:30pm: Utilizing the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)

- Aaron Patrick, State Director, Ohio MEP Center, Ohio Department of Development
- Rebecca Singer, President and CEO, – Center for Innovative Food Technology (CIFT) (NWOHio)
- Jeff Spain, Senior Director, Columbus State Community College (Central Ohio)
- Dan Catalano, President and CEO, TechSolve (SWOHio)
- Michael O'Donnell, Vice President of Operations, MAGNET (NEOHio)
- Phil Ratermann, Director, FastLane (@ UDRI) (West Central Ohio)
- Mick Whitt, Program Manager, Ohio State University South Centers (SEOHio)

Learn how Ohio's MEP can provide technical assistance, workforce development, and resources to help your business innovate and thrive.