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This year's East Coast Industry Forum will focus on Advanced Manufacturing and Workforce Development. Hartford, CT is a vibrant location for leading industries with advanced manufacturing. Companies benefit from Hartford's central location within the Northeast corridor. One third of the U.S. economy is within a day's drive of Connecticut. Manufacturing is being revolutionized through technology innovation and digital solutions. The East Coast Industry Forum will be a platform for representatives of business, government and education in Connecticut to come together to discuss and assess these new manufacturing development strategies.

AGENDA

8:30am – 9:00am *Registration & Networking Breakfast*

9:00am – 9:15am

Welcome

Dietmar Rieg

President & CEO, German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Opening Remarks

Helmut Landes

Deputy General Counsel, German Consulate General, Boston

Keynote

Dannel P. Malloy

Governor of Connecticut

Introduced by

Catherine Smith

Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)

9:20am – 9:35am

Insights on Trends in Manufacturing

Dr. Karen Wosczyzna-Birch

Executive Director, Connecticut College of Technology

9:35am – 10:35am

Panel Discussion: *Advanced Manufacturing*

Hartford is the location of leading industries in defense, aerospace, power systems and bioscience. As products have become more sophisticated, so have production processes. Factories have become centers for advanced technologies, digital solutions and high-tech informatics. As a result, manufacturers face the need for a new generation of specialized technicians with the skills and savvy to work effectively in today's "smart" factories.

Panelists:

Andrew Campbell

President, Eastern Millwork, Inc.

Peter Hoecklin

President & CEO, TRUMPF, Inc.

Dr. Cliff Thermer

Chair of the Department of Business, Management and Advanced Manufacturing, Goodwin College

Claudia Reuter

Managing Director, Stanley+Techstars Additive Manufacturing Accelerator

Moderated by: **Dr. Karen Wosczyzna-Birch**

Executive Director, Connecticut College of Technology

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10:35am – 11:00am *Coffee Break*

11:00am – 11:15am **Trends in Workforce Development**
Daryle Dudzinski
Acting Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Labor

11:15am – 12:25pm **Panel Discussion: Workforce Development**

New and better ways must be developed to train employees to meet the demands of advanced manufacturing. Current best practices including the German Dual System of vocational training will be discussed as a viable framework and adaption for U.S. manufacturing. Various models have already been implemented throughout the U.S. with successful results. The Dual System will be assessed on how it can complement existing training programs and become a value-added tool to improve skills development, product quality and a stronger economy in Connecticut.

Panelists:

Tracy Ariel
Executive Director, Tunxis Community College

Dr. Christine Benz
Training & Development Manager, TRUMPF, Inc.

Andrea Comer
VP, Workforce Strategies, Connecticut Business & Industry Association

Chris Dimou
President & CEO, Roto Frank of America, Inc.

Frank Gulluni
Director Emeritus, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Asnuntuck Community College

Moderated by: **Dr. Lyle Wray**
Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments

12:30pm – 12:35pm **Closing Remarks**

Speaker: Nancy Wheeler
Senior Vice President, Executive Director Investor Relations, MetroHartford Alliance

12:35pm – 2:00pm *Lunch & Networking Reception*

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