

The Right Place | MMTC-West **FOOD PROCESSORS COUNCIL**

Bring West Michigan's leading food processors together.

WHAT IS THE FOOD PROCESSORS COUNCIL?

The West Michigan Food Processors Council (FPC) is a 13-county, regional initiative that utilizes a collaborative environment to promote, facilitate, enable, and advocate for advancing in a "Best In Class" food processing sector. The Council seeks to be the regional forum for advancing processors success in West Michigan.

The council was created in partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, The Right Place, Inc., and the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center - West (MMTC-West).

WHO

The FPC is comprised of 15-25 progressive West Michigan food processors. Ideal company representatives are generalists and strategic members of management who are able to speak on behalf of their company. The council is facilitated and managed by The Right Place, Inc. and MMTC-West.

WHY BE PART OF THE FOOD PROCESSORS COUNCIL?

Initial efforts are to:

1. Promote the West Michigan Food Processors Council membership to provide diverse representation and enhanced opportunities for learning;
2. Facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experience, and practices to solve food processing challenges;
3. Enable the growth of regional food processing by developing talent supply chain.

WHEN AND WHERE DOES THE COUNCIL MEETING?

FPC launched in August 2014, with the first official meeting on August 1st. Regular meetings are held bimonthly, with special gatherings as needed. Because this is a 13-county initiative, meetings will be held in various locations throughout the West Michigan area. Meetings will ideally be held at a participating member's company facility.



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WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

As this is an initiative of The Right Place, Inc. and MMTC-West please contact:

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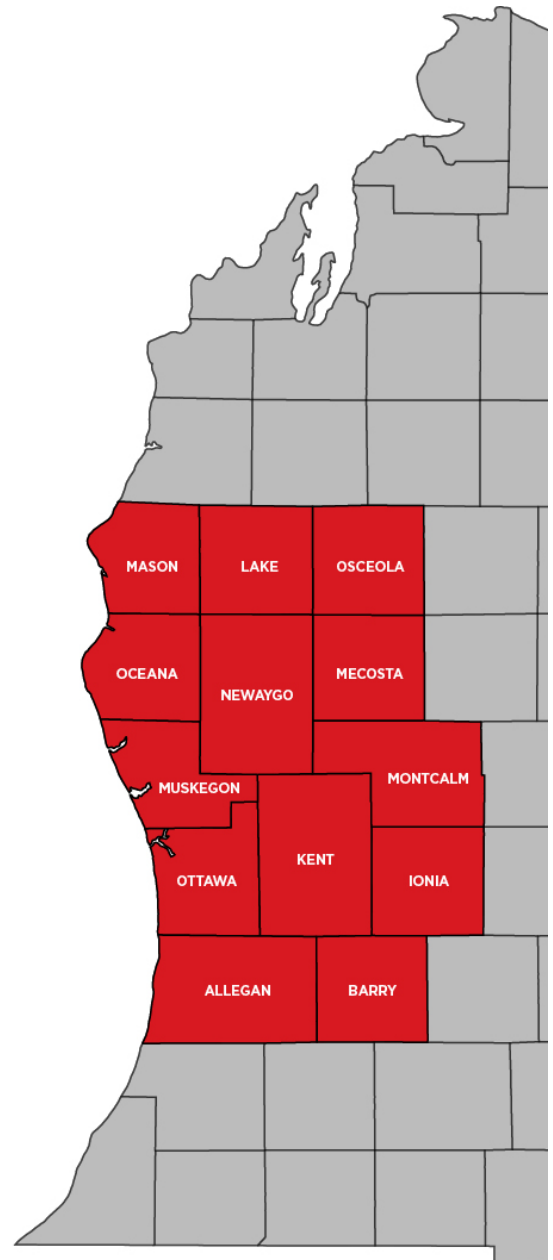
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COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name: _____ Number of Employees: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Website Address: _____

Company Description: _____

Product/s Processed: _____

NAICS Codes: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Right Place, Inc.'s Food Processors Council?

In what areas does your company excel? (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Quality Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Practices
<input type="checkbox"/> Entry level training	<input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor / Mid-level training	<input type="checkbox"/> Lean / Continuous Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Growing and Innovating	Other (Describe)	

In what areas is your company hoping to gain additional competencies? (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Quality Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Practices
<input type="checkbox"/> Entry level training	<input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor / Mid-level training	<input type="checkbox"/> Lean / Continuous Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Growing and Innovating	Other (Describe)	

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE/S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Assistant Name: _____ Email Address: _____

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (Optional)

Full Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Assistant Name: _____ Email Address: _____



MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

- a) Member companies fully believe in the Food Processors Council’s vision, mission, and value proposition. Responsibility and accountability thereof rests with member companies and their designee(s) to contribute the time, resources, and expertise to achieve strategic initiatives and goals.
- b) Membership is by company not individual. A Council member company is responsible for replacing its designate(s) should that individual(s) leave the member company.
- c) The company must be represented by a key decision maker in the company. The company designee(s) is expected to prepare, contribute, and share at Council meetings and events.
- d) Members are asked to treat each other with respect, mindful of customer/supplier and/or competitor relationships. Particular consideration should be given to hiring practices as it relates to recruiting member companies’ personnel and to confidential/proprietary information.
- e) Membership is for food processors and select others invited by the Executive Committee that reside in any of the 13 counties which make up MEDC Region 4.
- f) A company that is not a member of the Council may be invited to join a working group.
- g) If a Food Processors Council member representative retires, he or she is eligible for continuing participation in the council if 1) he or she was actively involved in the council for the past five years (minimum) and 2) he or she was a high level executive for a food processing company 3) continued participation is agreed to by the Executive Committee and can be reviewed annually.
- h) The Right Place/MMTC-West will cover expenses associated with the functioning of the council.
 - Each member company must contribute to the Food Processors Council’s special project fund.
 - The Executive Committee shall adopt a budget annually allocating funds to Working Groups, Task Groups, and special projects.
 - The Right Place Inc. will collect special project funds in accordance with a fiscal calendar beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Funds will be dispersed as directed by Executive Committee or Council.
 - At year end if ample funds remain the Executive Committee may choose not to collect all or part of the money for the coming year.
 - The first collection of \$X per company will be invoiced July 1, 2017.
- i) On an as needed basis, Council leadership to contact “lost” members to solidify membership.

As the Food Processors Council Representative for my company, I agree to abide by these guidelines.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

