The Right Place | The Center – West

MANUFACTURERS COUNCIL

2019/2020 Chair: David Beemer, Chief Operating Officer, Terryberry
2019/2020 Vice-Chair: Patrick Greene, President, Cascade Die Casting Group, Inc.

The Right Place, Inc. convened the Manufacturers Council in 1989 as a way to organize manufacturers’ individual interests into a common purpose of improving the local manufacturing economy. Members of the Manufacturers Council have a collective vision “...to establish the West Michigan region as an international center for manufacturing productivity.” From that vision comes the council's mission to create a collaborative environment in which to promote, facilitate, enable and advocate for implementation of “world class” manufacturing enterprises.

To reach that vision, the Council’s strategic plan concentrates on four key areas:

2. Talent Development: Enable growth of regional manufacturing through developing the talent supply chain.
3. Best in Class Knowledge Sharing: Facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experience, and practices to solve manufacturing challenges.
4. Membership Recruitment: Promote the West Michigan Manufacturers Council membership to provide diverse representation.

Members volunteer from a diverse assortment of West Michigan manufacturing owners and top executives who are willing to actively support the mission through a demonstrated commitment to world class manufacturing and willingness to engage with peers. Working Groups activities, the Sunrise Series, and other events are open to all council members.

2019/2020 Working Group Initiatives

Talent Working Group: Improving the community workforce development system to better prepare the future local talent pool; particularly through our Discover Manufacturing website.

Best in Class Knowledge Sharing Working Group: Utilizing existing programs more effectively, establish user/work group(s) and education forums, such as the Continuous Improvement Activities work group.

For more information on the Manufacturers Council or its working group activities, contact The Right Place by calling (616) 301-6247.