

Free 90-Day Trial to Tooling U-SME

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IMC has partnered with Tooling U-SME, an online training provider, to off-set the cost of bringing high-quality, customized, onsite training to manufacturers. More than 500 unique online classes provide a broad offering of manufacturing training topics. Every online class has been reviewed and validated by industry experts.



Online training from IMC and Tooling U-SME offers a quick-start, progressive road map that allows manufacturers to build career paths for employees. This online training is intended to enhance your existing on-the-job training, to create a job progression plan and requires minimal preparation. It is efficient, effective training that has been developed with input from manufacturing experts.

Online classes are self-paced, typically taking 60 minutes to complete. They are easily and conveniently accessible on desktops and laptops, and on tablets and phones with the Tooling U-SME app.

Thanks to CARES Act grant funds, companies can apply for up to five free subscriptions for a limited time! [Click here to learn more.](#)

IMC's Executive Director Speaks with Williamsport City Council's Economic Committee

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The city is looking to promote its many resources and pluses as a prime host location

to prospective manufacturers.

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BLaST IU17 Announces “EPIC Career Mentoring for Students” Program

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WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

**BLENDED CAREER MENTORING
EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS**

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

- Build community, educator, and industry partnerships
- Increase career awareness
- Create a career mentoring experience for interested students

HOW WILL IT WORK?

- Committed students will attend a virtual onboarding session with BLaST Intermediate Unit 17
- Virtual meet and greet with BLaST Intermediate Unit 17 Facilitator, Career Mentor, student, etc.
- ½ day job shadow experience
- Work-based assignment, coached by Career Mentor
- Career Mentor will provide virtual coaching and feedback
- Students will attend 5 synchronous seminars focused on Future Ready Skills such as: *communication, problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, and leadership (asynchronous option will be possible)*
- Students and Career Mentors will attend an exit seminar to showcase their project and their experiences
- Students will receive a digital badge to use as an artifact in their career portfolio

INTERESTED?

Please email Christina Herman, Educational Consultant,
at careerready@iu17.org



CMMC Small Business Webcasts for 2021

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IMC trusted partner, Core Business Solutions has developed a series of webinars to introduce and walk companies through the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) program.

Programs include:

- CMMC Overview
- DoD Assessment & SPRS Submission
- Talking CMMC Level 1 Certification
- Planning for CMMC Level 3 Certification
- Budgeting for CMMC Costs
- Technologies to Meet CMMC

To learn more, visit Core's CMMC Webinars page.

[CMMC Webinar Schedule/Flyer](#)

2021 Virtual Future Careers Expo

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This virtual event is presented by Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC), The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce and the PA CareerLink®.



The goal of this event is to introduce students to the variety of career pathways that exist for success in a future career. This will also be an opportunity to speak with local employers about careers with their organizations. Representatives will be present from Healthcare, Manufacturing, Law Enforcement, Military, Hospitality and more.

REGISTRATION TIPS- Once you have selected the purple “Register for event” button to the right, you will be directed to the event platform Booth Central. You will need to: 1) Select the red “Apply for a Booth button”. 2) Create an account through a simple process by clicking “Join now” found on the Hello screen. 3) Select “Join as Booth Host”. 4) Complete the form and select “Register”. 5) You will then complete the event registration form.

Please contact BusinessSolutions@CentralPA.org with any questions.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2021

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Equal Opportunity Employer/ Program.

Spotlight on Supply Chain Management - A Program for Parents and Students

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SPOTLIGHT ON SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

UNDERSTANDING AN ORGANIZATION'S SUPPLY CHAIN IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OPERATIONS.

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The concept of SCM is based on two core ideas:

1. Practically every product that reaches an end user represents the cumulative effort of multiple organizations. These organizations are referred to collectively as the supply chain.
2. Organizations that make up the supply chain are intricately linked together through a combination of physical and information flows.

Keynote Speaker:
Valerie Berube, Director of Supply Chain, Lycoming Engines

- Introduction to supply chain management
- Business opportunity with companies
- Q&A session
- Complete registration packet

Speakers:
BRUCE W. HUNTER, Director of Manufacturing Planning, L3HARRIS
VALERIE BERUBE, Director of Procurement, Lycoming Engines

April 28, 2021, 6-7 p.m.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

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2- The second is that organizations that make up the supply chain are intricately linked together through a combination of physical and information flows.

This event will feature keynote speaker: Valerie Berube, Director of Supply Chain at Lycoming Engines.

Glass Bottles Supplier Opportunity

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A small company in Puerto Rico is seeking domestic manufacturers to produce 12oz Flint Round Glass Bottles.



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Please take a few minutes to review the attached opportunity and if interested, contact Dana Gordon, danag@imcpa.com, 814-933-7828. She will work with interested companies to determine if the opportunity is a fit and complete the online form for MEP review. Deadline to respond to this request is May 15, 2021.

Glass Bottles Supplier Opportunity

ASTM A-513 T-5 Dom Tubing Supplier Opportunity

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A small company in Nevada is seeking domestic manufacturers to produce ASTM A-513 T-5 Dom Tubing.



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Dom Tubing Supplier Opportunity

West Pharmaceutical Services is Expanding as it Plays a “Critical Role” in the Fight Against COVID-19

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West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. (West), a leading global manufacturer in the design and production of technologically advanced, high-quality, integrated containment and delivery systems for injectable medicines, is investing \$35 million in its Jersey Shore, PA facility, including a 1,270 square-foot building expansion.



“The whole team at Jersey Shore is very excited about this project and what it means for our customers and patients’ lives around the world,” said Marty Miller, senior director of operations at Jersey Shore. “West’s Jersey Shore site is playing a critical role in the production of components being used directly in the fight against COVID-19.”

West is producing a variety of components such as rubber stoppers, plungers, seals, etc. that are being used to help support the safe and effective storage and delivery of the vaccine.

“West has been playing a vital role in vaccine development by working with many of the top pharmaceutical companies that have developed or are developing vaccines and therapeutic treatments to address the COVID-19 pandemic,” stated Eric Haman, West’s director of global corporate communications. “This investment at our Jersey

Shore facility will further allow West to help speed the successful development and large-scale manufacture of high-quality components required to serve customer needs for the delivery of a safe, effective COVID-19 vaccine.”

Additional jobs are being added because of this increased demand, with many of the new positions being added are in the areas of quality, maintenance, and production.

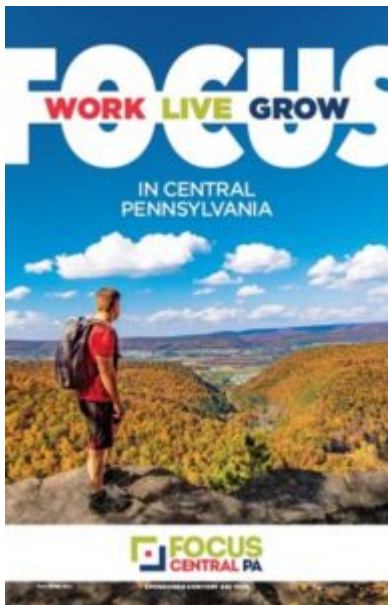
“The team has a real sense of pride about our mission of improving patient lives, and we look forward to this expansion and getting it operational so we can help make an even bigger difference in the fight against this pandemic,” Miller said. “We look forward to being able to support our local community with more job opportunities and are excited that this investment supports a continued bright future for Jersey Shore.”

West’s global headquarters is in Exton, PA, and in addition to its Jersey Shore site, they also have a Contract Manufacturing facility located in Williamsport, PA. West has approximately 10,000 employees working throughout 50 global locations, including 25 manufacturing facilities located in North and South America, Europe, and Asia Pacific.

Story and photo compliments of the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

Central Pennsylvania Focuses on Promoting Livability

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IMC has partnered with several organizations, including Focus Central Pennsylvania, on a mission to tell the amazing story about the Central PA region to potential investors and companies considering locations for their growth strategies. In addition to key investment factors such as real estate, infrastructure, talent, and proximity to markets, a critical part of the story is what a remarkable place Central Pennsylvania is to work, live and grow.

These Central PA organizations have partnered to bring alive the conversation of Livability through a multimedia program in conjunction with a state initiative. Pennsylvania's Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) engaged in a three-year partnership with a program called Livability that encourages business investment, talent recruitment and relocation by reaching corporate executives, site selectors, entrepreneurs, talented individuals, families and visitors attracted to Pennsylvania's quality of life.

"Attracting quality employers to the region is part of our mission," says Focus Central PA board chair Jennifer Wakeman. "Livability gives us a tool to further engage companies and draw them here by highlighting all that our area has to offer."

"Central PA is trapped in a conundrum, businesses cannot expand if there is not an available workforce, but people leave the area because they don't think there are available jobs. We have an opportunity to influence people by sharing what's so great about the region to keep young adults in the area after graduation and keep and attract new businesses. By marketing the region and what it has to offer businesses and families, we can expand career opportunities for our residents and attract new talent to the region. The more workers we have in the region, the more prospects there are to grow business and the local economy," states Erica Mulberger, executive director of Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC). "I was one of those people that graduated and thought I

needed to move to the city to get a good wage. After 2 years of living in Baltimore, I was happy to move back to Central PA where I wasn't spending 3 hours in traffic every day and working just to pay for high rent and food. These are a couple of the livability factors people don't realize when you're fresh out of college and just focused on the salary a company offers you," states Mulberger.

Central Pennsylvania has the premier featured section in the magazine part of the initiative, an 8-page digest available online at <https://livability.com/focus-central-pennsylvania>, in the center of the Pennsylvania Work Smart. Live Happy. publication made possible by funding partners Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation's (CPWDC) MADE in Central PA Next Generation Partnership; Chamber of Business & industry for Centre County (CBICC); DRIVE; Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC); Northumberland County Planning Department; Union County Economic Development; Greater Susquehanna Business Development Council (GSBDC); and SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA). The 8-page digest will be available in print, digital format and enhanced with individual articles online at Livability.com. The digest, which includes a strategic and targeted distribution plan to get in front of key audiences, features stories from entrepreneurs, business leaders and residents that live, work and grow in Central PA.

"DCED is proud to partner with Livability to promote our love for Pennsylvania in the Work Smart. Live Happy. magazine," said DCED Deputy Secretary Carrie Fischer Lepore. "Our friends at Focus Central PA know that Pennsylvania is the best place in the nation for people and businesses to call home, and we look forward to sharing our hometown pride with readers far and wide."

In addition to the funding partners, many incredible organizations throughout the region contributed to the content development and ideas for Livability in Central Pennsylvania to include tourism agencies, chambers of commerce, large employers' human resource leaders, college & university leaders, entrepreneurs, downtown agencies, and many more! Livability in Central Pennsylvania is all our story to tell.

Right now, millions of people are evaluating or reevaluating where they want to live. There are many factors each person and family consider in this important decision

including job opportunities, safety, affordability, economic stability and growth, outdoor recreation, accessibility, art and culture activities, broadband access, community engagement and more. The Central Pennsylvania Livability initiative is a way to tell the story about life in Central PA and share opportunities that await those considering places to call home. Visit <https://focuscentralpa.org/livability/> to learn more.

Livability showcases the best places to live around the United States and offers Top 10 lists, articles, data and more for every city. Livability.com is a website that ranks America's most livable small and mid-sized cities. The website includes demographic information, statistics, articles, photography and video that summarize the quality of life in communities, including information about schools, neighborhoods, local restaurants and cultural events.