

PA CareerLink Announces Upcoming Job Fairs

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Click below for a list of upcoming Job Fairs and see how you can participate.

PACL C-M-N-S-U 2018 Job Fair Schedule with Links

Support for IMC and the National Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program

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For almost 30 years, IMC has been helping Central Pennsylvania manufacturers become more innovative, productive and profitable. We have been able to do this, in part, due to support from the U.S. Department of Commerce, NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership program.

A recent study by the W.E. Upjohn Institute found that the **MEP Program generates a substantial economic and financial return of nearly 9:1**. Yes, a federal investment that works!

Please take 5 minutes to e-mail your federal elected officials asking them to support a \$142.4 million appropriation for MEP, **which helps support IMC's operations**.

To e-mail your federal elected officials

1. Click on this link
2. Click **Send E-mail**.

3. **Complete** the demographic information in the blue box and click **Submit**. This will take you to the **Compose Message** page where you will see the text of the e-mail and the names of the officials you will be e-mailing.
4. **Review the letter and customize** as appropriate - paragraphs 1 and 4 REQUIRE customization inside the brackets [].
5. Click **Submit** at the bottom of the page
6. Please **consider forwarding this request** to employees or others at your discretion.

Thank you for your support of IMC and Central PA Manufacturers!

PA CareerLink Announces “Understanding Apprenticeships” Seminar

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The seminar will feature a presentation by Eric Ramsay, Director of the PA Apprenticeship & Training office. It also includes lunch and a tour of the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology.

This seminar is perfect for any business that you are in contact with who has an interest in learning more about apprenticeships. They will be covering the basics.

[Click here for an event flyer.](#)

Advanced Sales Training for Defense Contractors

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Southern Alleghenies Industry Adjustment Initiative announces Advanced Sales Training for defense contractors located in the Southern Alleghenies region.

[Click here for flyer and additional information.](#)

IMC Graduates 1st Lean Champions Level Two Class

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IMC is pleased to recognize the following companies with graduates from our first Lean Champions Level Two class.



2018 Lean Champion Graduates

- Advanced Powder Products, Inc.

- Albemarle Corp.
- Construction Specialties, Inc.
- Custom Container Solutions
- First Quality Tissue
- Hermance Machine Co.
- Jersey Shore Steel - Fabrication Division
- Lewis Lumber Products, Inc.
- Pik Rite, Inc.
- Restek Corp.

Many of our Level One participants wanted to go further in their Lean journey so we developed the Lean Champions program. Level Two is a powerful second step for individuals looking to fortify and lead their organization's Lean efforts. Continuing the theme of a team-based approach to organizational opportunities, participants further develop their skill sets to lead sustainable change within their organization. The distinct "learn and do" approach is proven to develop Lean leaders that can manage, measure and lead their organization's Lean transformation.

[Click here to learn more about Lean Champions Level Two.](#)

Fueling Growth and Advancing U.S. Manufacturing Through Tangible Results

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IMC's federal sponsor, NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership, releases national network impact results for 2017.

By Carroll Thomas 2/05/18

I am proud to announce the MEP National Network impact results for 2017. These

results are truly impressive. Last year, this streamlined program with 51 MEP Centers located in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, interacted directly or through their partners with over 26,000 manufacturers. Based on results from a third-party survey, clients from across the country reported that the assistance they received helped to create and retain more than 100,000 manufacturing jobs in 2017 alone. Read on...

DoD Cybersecurity Compliance Training Video

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Are you a Department of Defense contractor? This video, created by our sister center in Georgia, provides a step-by-step guide on how government contractors can achieve compliance with the new cybersecurity requirements established by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Not sure if you're in compliance? Contact IMC, we can help.

IMC Director Presents to WAMS Builders Club about Leadership

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It was a snapshot lesson in leadership this morning for members of the Williamsport

Area Middle School Builders Club.



IMC Executive Director and CEO, spoke to club members about what it means to be a leader during their weekly meeting, led by advisor and seventh-grade teacher Mike Lundy.

Manetta outlined a three-pronged approach, or model, of leadership: “Be, Know, Do.” His presentation spurred students to think critically about what encapsulates a leader, ranging from character to accomplishments.



GAF Announces Job Fair for New Columbia Facility

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Williamsport/Lycoming Companies Receive KIZ Nearly \$130,000 in Tax Credits

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Innovative Manufacturers Center (IMC), Inc. is pleased to announce three Williamsport/Lycoming Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) companies were awarded nearly \$130,000 in KIZ Tax Credits. This round of tax credit awards takes the total of

local companies receiving KIZ Tax Credits since 2007 to over \$2.5 million dollars.

On December 28th, Governor Tom Wolf announced Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) tax credits for 273 early-stage companies. “Fostering an environment that allows technology and innovation to flourish in our private sector is one of this administration’s top business priorities,” Governor Wolf said. “By providing these tax credits, we’re helping to reduce the burden placed on companies as they go through the early stages of growth, thereby helping new ideas take root while pushing both our economy and the thriving tech sector forward.” The Program is designed to support and encourage entrepreneurship in and around Pennsylvania’s colleges and universities by providing young Pennsylvania companies with vital working capital to meet critical needs, including covering capital expenditures, workforce expansion, operational expenses and making companies more attractive to venture investment.

The program provides tax credits for companies within the Williamsport/Lycoming Keystone Innovation Zone that have been in operation for less than eight years, whose gross revenues have increased over the previous year and are operating within a targeted industry sector such as advanced manufacturing, plastics, wood and information technology.

“Since 2007, the KIZ Tax Credit program has provided valuable access to local resources and state tax credits for qualified local companies. These unique credits can be applied to business liability or sold for cash, which offers financial support during the critical first years of business, allowing the companies to grow,” stated Lauri Moon, Coordinator of the Williamsport/Lycoming KIZ. “KIZ companies have utilized these credits to fund new product development, staffing, marketing and other business needs,” Moon said.

PA Department of Community & Economic Development Press Release

For individuals and businesses interested in learning more about the benefits and services of the KIZ Program, [click here](#) or contact IMC at 570-329-3200x8085. The Williamsport/Lycoming Keystone Innovation Zone is managed by the Innovative Manufacturers Center (IMC).