

# 2024 CONFERENCE AND SUPPLIERS EXPO

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 | Sheraton Hotel-Rocky Hill CT

Join us for the first **PMA/CTMA Conference and Suppliers Expo**, taking place at the Sheraton Hotel-Rocky Hill CT on Tuesday, May 14.

At this inaugural event, an exclusive group of **25 suppliers** to the metalforming, tooling and machining industries will showcase their capabilities and present the latest technologies and services to an anticipated audience of 100 manufacturers from Connecticut and across the Southern New England region.

In addition to the exhibits, **several breakout sessions** will be presented throughout the day by experts on topics of importance to all manufacturers. Presentations will cover:

- Cybersecurity in manufacturing
- Additive manufacturing for tool and die
- Connecticut state funding and the apprenticeship program
- Lean six sigma principles
- The state of manufacturing in Connecticut, and the impact of the upcoming elections on manufacturers

## MEET THE SPEAKER



### State of Manufacturing and the Upcoming Election Year

**Omar Nashashibi**, Partner, The Franklin Partnership, LLC

Omar Nashashibi is a founding partner of The Franklin Partnership, LLC, the bipartisan Washington, D.C.-based government relations firm that represents PMA's interests before Congress and the Administration. Omar has more than 20 years of experience working with policymakers, politicians and the media. Prior to The Franklin Partnership, Omar worked for the Office of Management and Budget. Earlier in his career, he served as a research assistant at the Institute for Public Accuracy, promoting policy to the media. In 1995, he began his career in Washington, D.C. covering congressional and agency hearings for a nationwide nonprofit publication.

## DATE

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

## LOCATION

**Sheraton Hartford South** | 100 Capital Blvd. Rocky Hill, CT 06067

## ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

PMA/CTMA Members - \$40

Nonmembers - \$60 (*Join PMA and Save!*)

*Registration includes show entry, food, beverages and all breakout presentations.*

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## AGENDA AT A GLANCE

11:30 a.m. Exhibitor move-in and set-up

12:30 p.m. Registration open

1:00 p.m.



### Cybersecurity in Manufacturing: Safeguarding Digital Assets

**Ari Santiago**, COMPASS MSP and [Made in America with Ari Santiago](#)

In an era where digital resilience is integral to business success, the leaders of manufacturing businesses face complex decisions in fortifying their organizations against evolving cyber threats. This abstract outlines the key cybersecurity priorities tailored for CEOs, CFOs and COOs, emphasizing strategic imperatives that align with the unique challenges and responsibilities of executive leadership.

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m.



### Additive Manufacturing for Tool & Die

**Rainer Herbert**, UCONN

Additive Manufacturing promises near-net shape processing of parts without a need for traditional tooling. While the direct manufacturing of parts from powder or wire can speed up development and production times, similar advantages can also be obtained from rapid manufacturing of tooling inserts, molds, dies, etc. using additive manufacturing. The state of the additive manufacturing efforts for tool and die production will be reviewed. Challenges and opportunities will be highlighted from basic and applied perspectives.

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m.



### Lean Six Sigma Principles

**Richard Baxley**, CCSU

This presentation illustrates Lean Six Sigma principles using Value Stream Mapping with real-life examples for creating Lean processes, emphasizing waste elimination. It highlights the importance of reducing human variation through creation of standardized work. The session concludes by demonstrating the power of computer-aided optimization to strategically assign tasks based on individual skill sets, fostering efficiency and stability in operations.

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m.

### State Funding and the Apprenticeship Program



**Eileen Candels**, CCAT     **Keri Valente**, Connecticut Department of Labor

3:30 p.m. Break

4:45 p.m.



### Update on the State of Connecticut Manufacturing

**Paul Lavoie**, Chief Manufacturing Officer for the State of Connecticut

5:15 p.m.



### State of Manufacturing and the Upcoming Election Year

**Omar Nashashibi**, Partner, The Franklin Partnership, LLC

6:00 p.m. Hors D'oeuvres and Cocktails Networking Hour

7:00 p.m. Adjourn



## EXHIBITOR LIST

- Albert Bros., Inc.
- AMADA Press System America Inc
- Architectural Building Services
- AutoForm Engineering USA, Inc.
- CBIA
- CompassMSP
- Disston Tools
- Eagle Metals Inc.
- EpiCenter
- Impax Tooling Solutions, A Div. of Wilson Tool International
- J.V. Manufacturing Co. Inc.
- Marcum LLP
- MF Tool and Design
- NASC National Auditing Services Consulting
- New England Tool Corporation
- Palmer Press & Automation
- Peoples Bank
- Solar Atmospheres
- Stamtec, Inc.
- Stifel Marcin - The B2B Marketing Agency
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Manufacturing Engineer, Truelove & Maclean, Inc. - Watertown, CT

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#### **Katie Barry**

Business Development, Marion Manufacturing Company - Cheshire, CT

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Membership in the Precision Metalforming Association positions your company as an industry leader. With a network of nearly 1,000 companies across North America, membership provides your company and all of its employees with a range of valuable industry resources that are designed to help you become more connected, more informed, more efficient, more competitive and ultimately more profitable. To learn about membership benefits and how to join, visit [www.pma.org/membership](http://www.pma.org/membership)

## **2024 SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT PROGRAM CALENDAR**

July 12, 2024

### **Annual PMA/CTMA Golf Outing**

Tunxis Plantation Country Club

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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