Event Recap: 2018 Hill Day

On March 7 and 8, Dorinda Byers, MEP Growth Advisor, and Eric Wagner, Senior Collaboration Manager, represented CDME and the Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program at 2018 Hill Day in Washington D.C. The purpose of this event was for American Small Manufacturing Coalition, or ASMC, members and client companies to meet with his/her respective Congressional delegation to advocate support for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program in its annual appropriations process.

Major discussion points of this event included the status of and issues facing Ohio's blue collar workforce, financing the MEP program, and the impact that the MEP program is having on Ohio manufacturers. In addition, CDME and the other Ohio MEP affiliates were able to provide evidence of the ROI on the MEP program in Ohio through analysis of pre- and post-project surveys issued to MEP clients. These surveys serve as direct testimony to the success of the MEP program in Ohio. We are proud to have been an active participant in communicating the positive impact that the MEP program is having on Ohio manufacturers. Click here to learn more about ASMC and the 2018 Hill Day.

Share your manufacturing needs and challenges with Congress through the American Small Manufacturing Coalition.

CDME Becomes a Member of America Makes

Ohio State’s Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence becomes one of the newest members of America Makes as they continue to rapidly fortify their additive manufacturing capabilities. The arsenal of brand new, industrial-grade additive manufacturing equipment available within the confines of CDME makes the latest technologies in advanced manufacturing accessible to the many layers of students, educators, and staff at Ohio State while members of Ohio’s industrial and entrepreneurial community can engage in a mode of manufacturing that was not an option to them two months ago.

Becoming a member of America Makes enables CDME to be part of an impressive contingent whose shared focus is on the acceleration of additive manufacturing and the translation of its advancements into both the academic and industrial fields. This designation is especially important in our mission to promote the competitiveness of small and large manufacturers who call Ohio home. America Makes is located in Youngstown, Ohio.

Dixon Certified as CompTIA Project+ Project Manager

CDME would like to congratulate Jamey Dixon, IT Growth Advisor with our MEP program, on passing the CompTIA Project+ for Project Management - TPV1 exam. This qualifies him to deliver projects on time and within the established budget by planning and organizing resources and people. Dixon is responsible for completing project work in line with the project plan and reporting progress to project stakeholders. CompTIA Project+ is a project management certification used and identified worldwide. Jamey is qualified and proficient as a project manager, which will benefit our clients who seek Jamey's expertise in cybersecurity, business management software solutions, and the proper use of customer relationship management.

Ohio University’s Innovation Center Considered Opportunity Zone

Matthew Dunne
Read our press release here.

New CDME Cybersecurity Programs

Jamey Dixon, IT Growth Advisor at The Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence, is our expert in cyberdefense and is available to reinforce your defense strategy before your company's digital boundaries are compromised, your customers' financial credentials are stolen, and an unreasonable ransom is demanded. Jamey is available to advise, assist, and activate programs tailored to your business.

Cyberdefense programs available through CDME:

- Consultation discussing concerns
- Audit of your current digital boundaries
- Actionable, customized strategy to defend your company's digital barriers
- Programming and reprogramming current software to heighten defense
- Educational or informational sessions for employees

For more information on the new cybersecurity programs CDME is offering, click here.

CDME Events

Introduction to Lean Manufacturing
Tuesday, April 17
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
The Ohio State University South Centers
1864 Shyville Road
Piketon, Ohio 45661
Price: $109 - $129
Register Here

Commercialize Your Product: Tools & Resources for Efficiency & Success
Friday, April 27
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 200
New Albany, Ohio 43054
Register Here

NHLA 4-Day Lumber Grading Course
Monday, April 23 - Thursday, April 26
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
The Ohio State University South Centers
1864 Shyville Road
Piketon, Ohio 45661
Price: $395
Register Here

Other Upcoming Events

Customer VALIDation Workshop
Wednesday, April 4  8:30 am - 10:00 am
Innovation Center
340 W. State Street

Matt Dunne, Director for the Center for Rural Innovation, cites Ohio University's Innovation Center as one of the nation's "rural university resources [which] often drive local and regional economies." Dunne's piece, published February 15, 2018 in The Hill, advocates for a new program which calls for governors to establish "Opportunity Zones" in their states to encourage private investment in low-income regions to combat the growing disparity between America's urban and rural economies.

"University and college campuses in rural regions provide the foundation for tech transfer and knowledge economy jobs. From the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, to the Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network in Hanover, New Hampshire, to the Ohio University Innovation Center in Athens, Ohio, rural university resources often drive local and regional economies", states Dunne as he highlights the value of the academic resources in rural areas who have not bounced back from the recession like their urban neighbors.

To read the full story, click here.


MFG TMW: Dan Rockwell, CEO & co-founder of Big Kitty Labs

Kathryn Kelley, Director of Ohio Manufacturing Industry

Manufacturing Tomorrow is a podcast series brought to you by the Ohio Manufacturing Institute at The Ohio State University. Featuring the perspectives of manufacturing leaders, they focus on the advanced manufacturing innovations, solutions and partnerships that exist in our region now and that will propel industry in the future.

In this MFG TMW podcast, Kathryn interviews Dan Rockwell, CEO and co-founder of Big Kitty Labs. Big Kitty Labs is a rapid prototyping digital agency based in Columbus, Ohio. The company was founded in 2009 after a series of events that led him to realize that building things should be easier, and that prototypes provide a ready foundation.

Building Big Kitty was an act largely for himself and his partner Tushar Kulkarni to invent concepts, play with technologies and do everything that most people weren't doing - building things fast. Big Kitty serves startups in the region looking for rapid innovation.

Current topic

How rapid prototyping can help manufacturers, how to get a product to market faster, how to make the leap into digital.

Click here to listen to the podcast.
Athens, Ohio 45701
Price: $25
Register Here

Additive Manufacturing Webinar Series
April 17, May 1 & May 8
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Register Here

2018 Rev1 Innovation Hop
Thursday, April 26 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Rev1 Ventures
1275 Kinnear Road
Columbus, Ohio 43212
Register Here

Ohio Entrepreneur Expo 2018
April 27-29
Greater Columbus Convention Center
400 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Price Varies
Register Here

IDEAtion Workshop
Wednesday, May 2 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Innovation Center
340 W. State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701
Register Here

Save the Date!

The SBIR Road Tour is coming to Columbus on June 20!
The Ohio Union
at The Ohio State University
7 AM - 5 PM

The SBIR Road Tour is a national outreach effort to convey the non-dilutive technology funding opportunity provided through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Federal Program Managers representing the $2.5 billion in early stage funding have been invited to attend a series of events alongside technology entrepreneurs and innovation supporters from across the United States. Register here starting April 20.

Event Recap: Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce Dinner

At the annual Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce dinner, Mick Whitt, of The Ohio University's South Center in Piketon, announced that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is now operating out of their location. This will make the business, engineering and technical resources of The Ohio State University available to local business and industry. This includes such things as a fabrication lab, die casting services, presses, mold injection services and several others.

Click here for the rest of the article.

Event Recap: Open House at CDME

The first open house of the year was held on March 16. Guests heard an overview of the Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence before going on a guided tour of our manufacturing space, material testing lab, and new additive manufacturing lab. The second of four open houses this year will be held on May 18. Registration is not open yet.

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