



Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competition & Conference
“BY Manufacturers – FOR Manufacturers”

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**UMASS MANUFACTURING STUDENTS TARGET AMICCON FOR
EXPOSURE TO INNOVATION IN WESTERN NEW ENGLAND**

**Local Talent Key Ingredient to Future of Precision Manufacturing
in New England**

Springfield, MA – Business leaders and key resource organizations in the New England area all agree that the means to precision manufacturing success in the future is to keep talent in the region to grow and manage companies and create new innovations. Celebrating innovation and increasing business relationships are the two main goals of the inaugural multi-state Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competition & Conference (**AMICCON**) on **Tuesday, November 16th, 2010 at the MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA**. The organization was created *‘BY manufacturers FOR manufacturers’*.

Prompted by Associate Professor Dr. Robert W. Hyers of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at UMASS Amherst, junior-level mechanical and industrial engineering students will join hundreds of top manufacturing CEO’s and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM’s) at the non-profit organization’s conference. Hyers is no stranger to the world of high tech manufacturing or the abundance of manufacturing technology and creativity in the area. After graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1998, Hyers was a Staff Scientist (AST Basic Properties of Materials) at NASA MSFC/ Electrostatic Levitation Lab.

“AMICCON is a great place for our engineering students to be exposed to the different manufacturing enterprises in western New England, and a great chance for businesses to attract the workers they need to increase the concentration of high-skill jobs in the region”, says Hyers.

AMICCON will bring together advanced manufacturers and OEM’s from six industry sectors throughout western New England*. Those industries include: precision machining, plastics, paper and packaging, electronics, clean / green technology and medical devices as identified by Battelle studies and other important sources.

**Western New England – Springfield, MA, west to Albany, NY, north to southern, VT, south to central CT*

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A unique feature of the November 16th event is that from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, only manufacturers, OEMs and sponsors will be in the exhibition hall. Supply chain members and professional service providers and the business community will join in after 12:00 PM. At 4:30 PM a networking cocktail reception will be held for everyone.

The following is a list of confirmed exhibitors, key resources and sponsors.

EXHIBITORS

A & A Packaging	Creative Material Technologies	Hazen Paper
Acetech	Crocker Communications	Hogan Communications
Advance Welding	D & S Manufacturing	Holland & Bonzagni
Alliant Group	Deburring Laboratories	Holyoke Machine
Aquest	Dymotek	Hoppe Tool
Atlantic Fasteners	ESCO Energy Services Co.	ITT Power Solutions
B & E Precision Aircraft	ESCO Energy Services Co.	ITT Power Solutions
BAE Systems	Excel Technologies	J.M. Engineering Associates
BellHawk Systems	F & D Tool	John R. Lyman / Lymtech
Berkshire Community College	F.C. Phillips, Inc.	Kollmorgen Electro-Optical
Boyd Technologies	FLEXcon	Marox
Burd Manufacturing	FloDesign Wind Turbine	Mass. Materials Research (MMR)
Callaway Golf	GLG Advisors	Mechanical Plastics
Chase Machine & Engineering	Greenough Packaging	MicroTek
Commonwealth Packaging	Hayden Corporation	Mistras Group
Packaging Machinery	Reliance Laser	Toner Plastics
Phoenix Manufacturing	Sandler Training	Trident Alloys
Pioneer Packaging	Savage Arms	Triple Helix
PolyOne	Sch ermerhorn Inc.	United Bank
PolyPlating	Smith & Wesson	United Paper Box
Precision Machining Institute	Source Two	United Plastics Group
Precision Mfrg Collaborative of PV	Sterling Engineering	Universal Plastics
PRIMA North America	Sundberg Packaging	Webber & Grinnell
Quabbin Wire & Cable	Super Brush	Willard Financial Group
Quality Plus	TechAmerica	WMA Economic Develop. Council
R & R Corrugated Packaging	Technology Market Development	Wolf & Company
R. R. LeDuc Corporation	TechTarget	Worthington Assembly
Raytheon	The Engineer Who Writes/MIT	Yarde Metals
	Tiger Press	

KEY RESOURCES

Affiliated Chambers of Commerce Greater Spfld	Natl Tooling & Machining Assoc (NTMA)
Associated Industries of MA (AIM)	Office of Planning & Econ Dev, City of Springfield
Chicopee Chamber of Commerce	Regional Employment Board (REB)
CT Small Bus Innovation Research (SBIR)	Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute (RPI)
CT Tooling & Machining Assoc (CTMA)	Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute (RPI)
Dept. of Homeland Security	Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)
EASTEC	Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE)
MA Div. of Occupational Safety/OSHA Consultant Program	Westfield Chamber of Commerce
MA Office of Business Dev (MOBD)	WestMass Area Development Corporation
MA Rehab Council (MRC)	Wmass Economic Development Council (EDC)
MA Small Business Development Council (MSBDC)	Wmass Tooling & Machining Assoc. (WMTMA)
MA Technology Collaborative (MTC)	
MassMEP	

Sponsors include: Atlantic Fasteners; BusinessWest, The Business Journal of Western MA; DIF Design; Hoppe Tool; MicroTek; NUVO Bank & Trust Company; Pioneer Packaging; Wolf & Company and Universal Plastics.

For more information and to register for the November 16th event, go to: www.AMICCON.com

About AMICCON

Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competition & Conference (AMICCON) is not a membership-driven group but a collection of involved, advanced manufacturers that have availed funds to kick-start the efforts of the organization in the western New England area. Six manufacturing categories are targeted including Precision Machining, Plastics, Paper and Packaging, Electronics, Clean / Green Technology and Medical Devices with a special spotlight on Defense and Aerospace business opportunities. A non-traditional 'Trade Fair / Convention' is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16th, 2010 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA that will bring together Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's) and area manufacturers. In 2011, the continuum continues with higher education for manufacturers, information technology for manufacturing and then the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Competition (AMIC) will match today's industry sector leaders with tomorrow's innovators. Innovators will compete for a targeted purse of \$50,000. AMICCON's long range mission is to expose and brand the region as the advanced manufacturing hub for the U.S. in exotics, nano, micro, short runs and high end, tight tolerance components and products, utilizing the latest technologies. AMICCON will offer a manufacturing 'matchmaking' website where a database of manufacturers and supply chain members is being formed and introductions can then be made virtually. The proceeds of AMICCON programming will help underwrite these new advanced manufacturing tools.

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