

Event Agenda

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9:00 Welcome

9:05 The Workforce Quandary – We've Never Prepared for This Scenario

Evolve, take risks, relearn, and adapt – four words manufacturers must take to heart in 2021. Learn and listen to some of the data that is behind the daily workforce conversations and the issues that exist. It will be presented in a way that will turn on light bulbs and energize you to think differently.

9:25 Bottlenecks and Backlogs? It's Diverse and Complex!

Companies that diversify their operations and processes become more complex. Listen and learn about solutions in place to assist manufacturers in dealing with the complexities of offshoring, reshoring and/or working with other territories. Additionally, learn about ways to connect to the local ecosystem and become more aware of partnerships within your home territory.

9:45 Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down or In-Betweens – Let's Talk Legislation

Lawmakers have pushed for the newly formed "Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Board" to advise the President in a long-term national strategy meant to support U.S. supply chains and makers. Federally and statewide, multiple new laws have passed that could affect your business. What did they get right? What did they get wrong? How will our legislators' actions affect you? Let's talk!

10:05 What's Happening in Your Backyard?

Listen to and learn from local manufacturers supplying economic means for your local communities. They will have a frank conversation about their real problems and make suggestions about ways to grow, change and enhance the economy in the area you live.

10:35 Local Solutions Providing Local Successes

We usually hear the bad stuff. However, in this case, we want you to hear about the great stuff that is going on in your very own communities to address the challenges our industry faces. Learn about the best practices that help retain and grow your local employers.

10:55 Tour of Your Local Workforce Education Campus

KCTCS is a loyal sponsor of KAM and its campuses have the ability to provide a host of resources to help you grow – whether you are a potential employee, an employee, or an employer. Virtually walk through your local facility to get a hands-on feel for the available technical education opportunities.

11:10 Q&A and Wrap Up

