



MANUFACTURING

2018 COUNCIL
ACTION PLAN



MISSION

The Manufacturing Council is a large and influential cross-section of private sector leaders in the production and fabrication industries dedicated to promoting the growth and expansion of manufacturing throughout the region. The Council seeks to address the primary challenges faced by manufacturers in order to stimulate new growth throughout the region.

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Develop a growing manufacturing workforce
- ▶ Coordinate with Buffalo Niagara manufacturing organizations
- ▶ Foster a healthy economic climate for industrial and technology employers

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ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

- ▶ Support overdue reauthorization of the Pell Grant program and expand eligibility to cover certificate programs and other job readiness training
- ▶ Support overdue reauthorization of the Perkins Career and Technical Education Act with a focus on aligning programs and funding with the needs of regional, state and local labor markets
- ▶ Upgrade NY's aging power grid to improve reliability
- ▶ Develop NY's natural gas transmission system
- ▶ Encourage city and county leaders to continue to appoint private sector employer representatives to local Workforce Investment Board

PROGRAMMING

SIGNATURE EVENT

- ▶ Manufacturing Month Summit

INITIATIVE ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Engage with Employ Buffalo Niagara on workforce development pain points

BEST PRACTICES & LEARNING

- ▶ Business to business work sessions to address key manufacturing issues

TOUR SERIES

- ▶ Insider tours of unique sites important to the area's manufacturing industry

COUNCIL CHAIR: **Scott Pallotta** | Zehnder Rittling

COUNCIL VICE CHAIR: **Pam Riggins** | International Paper

EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE: **Fred Giese**