

October 2023 Newsletter

From The Executive Director

“Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds.”

~Alexander Graham Bell



~DrAfter123/Getty Images

When people come together great things occur.

Collaboration is defined as the action of working with someone to produce or create something. There are over 9,000 Manufacturers in Minnesota that have been working together in our state and creating a wide range of products.

The manufacturing industry is a critically important part of Minnesota’s diverse economy, contributing \$58.7 billion to Minnesota’s economy in 2022 - and making a wide range of products to improve the lives of people around the world - from medical devices to food to recreational vehicles and everything in between.

Manufacturing workers took home \$24.9 billion in wages from Minnesota manufacturing jobs last year, making an average annual wage of \$76,950, which is 10% higher than the state’s overall average private sector wage. There is a big demand for people to work in manufacturing positions in Minnesota, now and into the future - making it a strong career path choice. In fact, Minnesota is expected to see more than 75,000 job openings for manufacturing production positions alone through 2030.

[Manufacturing | CareerForce \(careerforcemn.com\)](https://www.careerforce.com)

Remember to show appreciation and support to excellent Wright County Manufacturers.

WCEDP EVENTS!

Join us and CRS for our Annual Holiday Social!



**JOIN WCEDP & CRS
AT OUR ANNUAL**

Wcedp
Wright County
Economic Development Partnership
Partnering for Opportunities

Holiday Networking Social

**DECEMBER 7TH, 2023
FROM 4-6PM
AT THE ST. MICHAEL THEATER**

APPETIZERS, CASH BAR (THE FIRST ONE IS ON US), & PRIZE DRAWINGS

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THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER GREAT TOURNAMENT!

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Celebrating Manufacturing Month in Minnesota - October 2023

MFG Day is October 6, 2023



Minnesota is once again celebrating **Manufacturing Month** in October. CMMA has built a strong **month of activities and events** with partners, manufacturers, schools, and communities by exhibiting and marketing the opportunities in the high-tech world of modern manufacturing.

Home - Whirltronics Inc.



YouTube Video Whirltronics

Whirltronics INC.
Where Metal Takes Shape

BUFFALO, MN
WHIRLTRONICS.COM

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208 Centennial Dr.
Buffalo
763.682.1716
www.whirltronics.com

Tuesday,
October 3rd
10am

Tours limited to 10 participants. Tour will include opportunity for Q & A and feedback. Total approximate time - one hour.

Long pants are required along with a closed toe, closed heel shoe that has an anti-slip sole

Hearing protection and Safety glasses will be provided

Ages 18+
allowed on tour

Link to YouTube video:
<https://youtu.be/BCswHZr7fZ4>

DIRECTIONS
From St. Cloud area:
I-94 East. Take exit 183- County Rd 8/Hasty/Silver Creek and turn right. Turn left onto Hwy 55 E. Turn left onto 1st St NE. Turn Right onto Centennial Dr - Destination is on the left.

Private tours can also be arranged throughout the year by contacting Whirltronics.

COMPANY DESCRIPTION:

Your Full—Service Source for Metal Stamping, Forming and Austempering.

For more than 60 years, Whirltronics has been serving customer metal stamping, forming, heat treating, painting and packaging needs along with producing a large line of precision lawn mower blades for a variety of distinguished commercial companies and OEMs.

Our mission is to be best in class for the customers we serve. Our core values of compassion, encouragement, collaboration, honesty, trust, passion, safety and respect are the principles that define us.

In our 80,000 square foot facility located in Buffalo, MN, we incorporate expert knowledge and advanced machinery with lean

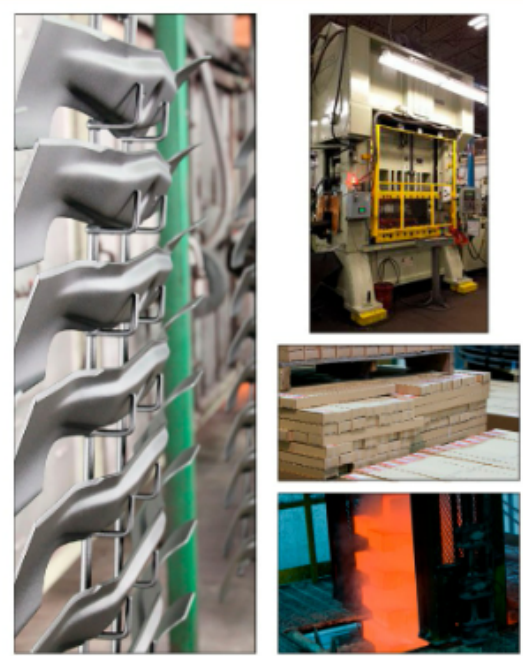
manufacturing principles to deliver quality product on time. This streamlined process allows us to ensure quality and cost control.

Whirltronics, Inc. offers full-service metal manufacturing with capabilities in stamping, cold forming and austemper heat treatment of low, medium and high-grade carbon steels. Our advanced machinery and facility allows us to service large contracts as well as large and small production runs.

From conception to completion, our engineers and highly skilled production team can develop prototypes and manufacture quality product on time, every time.

ISO 9001 Certified.

See our current job openings and apply at <https://whirltronics.com/jointeam/>.



MANUFACTURING MONTH EVENTS



**Standard Iron
Virtual Tour**

**Standard Iron
Website**



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VIRTUAL

**524 Pine Street
Monticello
763.295.8700
www.Std-iron.com**

INFORMATION

- 5 facilities in MN, NE, GA, MX, and the corporate office in Monticello, MN.
- 500 Employees (and growing)
- **Join our team!**
We're hiring in your area:
- **Welders:** Sauk Centre, Alexandria
- **NC Machine Operators (Laser/Press Brake/Turret):** Sauk Centre, Alexandria
- **Painters:** Sauk Centre
- **Flexible Shifts Available:** 1st/2nd - Monday - Thursday, 4 10-hour days; Weekend: Friday - Sunday, 3 12-hour days.
- **Visit <https://www.std-iron.com/Careers.cfm> to apply today!**

VIRTUAL TOUR VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94Z3fXouD1A>

FOR CURRENT OPENINGS AND TO APPLY ONLINE

<http://www.std-iron.com/Careers.cfm> or email mjobs@std-iron.com

PRIVATE TOURS

are available by contacting us at 763.295.8700

WHY STANDARD IRON?

Ask around. We've built the standard for quality for our clients and as a great place to work, with competitive wages, benefits and flexibility for work-life balance. We do this through a culture of growth, respect and community at our Minnesota facilities.

COMPANY DESCRIPTION:

You may not know us yet, but you already know the customers who seek our quality metal fabrications for their manufacturing operations. John Deere, Caterpillar, Kawasaki and CNH are just a few of our customers for whom we manufacture metal fabrications that feed, clothe, transport and build the infrastructure of the world — since 1930.

The key to our success comes down to our great employees and our customer relationships — especially with our Minnesota manufacturing partners.

Contract Manufacturing Division:

Whether the need is a simple shear, brake, plate roll, or a more sophisticated welded assembly, Standard

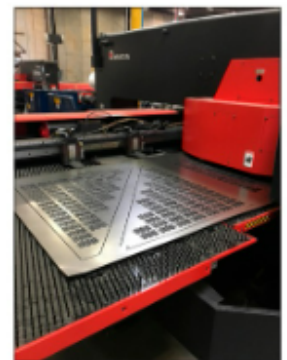
Iron has the cutting-edge technology and certified expertise to be a one-stop contract manufacturer for OEMs.

Major industries we serve include:

- Off-Highway
- Agriculture
- Construction
- Transportation
- Energy
- HVAC
- Recreation

Architectural Metals Division:

Our state-of-the art Building Information Modeling (BIM) process is how we deliver fabrications and erection services for any size or range of construction projects. Just a few of our major projects include: Mall of America, Huntington Bank Stadium Target Field, Xcel Energy Center and more!



Manufacturing Facility in Alexandria, MN



Manufacturing Facility in Sauk Centre, MN

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AVA
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AVA
Homepage



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IN-PERSON

6757 Karmen Ave NE
Albertville
763.200.4782
www.advancedvolumetric.com



Wednesday,
October 4th
9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Must wear closed
toe shoes

Hard hat and safety
glasses provided

Tour length:
30-40 min

No electronic
recording devices

Refreshments
served

RSVP for a tour:
763.200.4782,
then press 1

Check out our current job openings and
apply online: www.advancedvolumetric.com

DIRECTIONS

Located on the road northwest
of Albertville Outlet Mall,
next to the Welcome Amish
Furniture company. Enter at
the front door.

Private tours can also be arranged throughout the year by contacting AVA.

**COMPANY
DESCRIPTION:**

AVA is a volumetric off-site building manufacturer that creates entire buildings in a production manufacturing environment. AVA's culture requires accomplished self-starters who thrive in a fast-paced and innovative team environment. AVA is focused on multi-family living, senior living, and the hospitality development sectors along with others. The company designs, engineers, and manufactures industry-leading full volumetric modular units for Upper-Midwest clients in a 180,000 SF state-of-the-art facility in Albertville, MN.



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- ✔ 4 DAY WORK WEEK
- ✔ BETTER WORK-LIFE BALANCE
- ✔ CLIMATE-CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT

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- HVAC
- PAINTING
- PLUMBING
- DRY WALL
- ELECTRICAL
- ENTRY-LEVEL CONST. & MAINT.
- FINISH & FRAMING CARPENTERS

NEW SITE BEING BUILT - 1000' OF ALBERTVILLE OUTLET MALL

www.advancedvolumetric.com @AVAjobs

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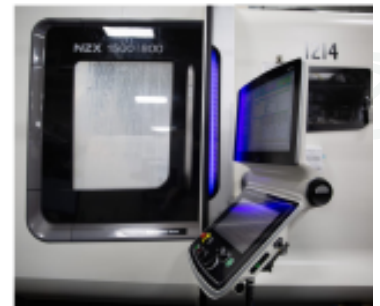
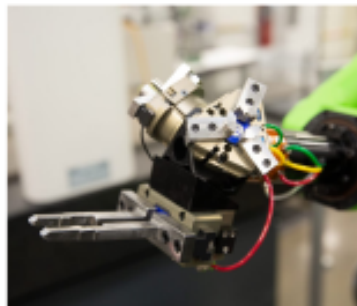
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COME JOIN US! OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM



COME GET A TOUR - ONSITE CAREER FAIR



ABOUT US

UMC manufactures medical and aerospace products that can be found in medical surgical instruments, spinal implants, airplane engines for fuel delivery, space rockets, and more. One cool fact about UMC is we have 20 parts on the Mars Rover Perseverance, which means our parts are literally out of this world!

SCAN QR TO SIGN UP!



TOP IT FOOD TRUCK WILL BE ONSITE



www.ultramc.com



500 Chelsea Road Monticello, MN 55362

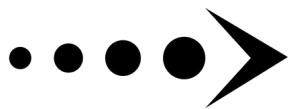


763-271-5200

Find us on:



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DIE TECHNOLOGY

HIGH PRECISION TO MANUFACTURING

MN Manufacturing Day is on October 6th, 2023. The WCEDP and Die Technology/Nanotech Precision would like to invite you to a brief presentation and tour at 10 am to share with you the importance of MN Manufacturing Month.

They will begin with refreshments and a brief overview/introduction for both Die Technology, Inc. and Nanotech Precision, LLC. They will then provide company tours which will showcase various work centers for each organization, the utilization of machinery, as well as examples of completed tooling/components. Being that it is Manufacturing Day, they'll also dive a little deeper into how things are made at their facility, focusing on how they manufacture parts from start to finish.

RSVP: jolene@wrightpartnership.org

Dietechnology.com

Nanotechmn.com

The City of Monticello Thanks Manufacturers!



Thank you for all your hard work!

The City of Monticello EDA and IEDC are happy to announce the 2023 Manufacturers Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 7-8:30 a.m. in the Mississippi Room at the Monticello Community Center. We're excited to celebrate MN manufacturers and recognize the hard work and positive community impact of Monticello's manufacturing and industrial businesses!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dawn Loberg, Business Development Consultant, Enterprise Minnesota

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Monticello Economic Development Authority, Xcel Energy, WSB, Sherburne State Bank, and Commercial Realty Solutions

Please RSVP to Vicki Leerhoff by Oct. 6, 2023
vicki.leerhoff@ci.monticello.mn.us | 763.271.3219
City Hall, 505 Walnut St. #1, Monticello, MN 55362



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marisela Nelson purchases Professional Interpreting



ROCKFORD, Minn.— Local entrepreneur Marisela Nelson has purchased Professional Interpreting, a business in the metro area where she has worked for the past 17 years. Nelson has also operated her own interpreting service, Marisela V. Nelson Interpreting LLC, for six years, and with the purchase of Professional Interpreting, will be expanding interpreting services as needed to businesses, schools, legal offices and government agencies.

Nelson is proud to offer her knowledge and experience in Spanish interpreting to the community. In addition, she will employ professional interpreters who are proficient in Spanish, Hmong, Russian, Ukrainian, Oromo, Arabic, French, Vietnamese, Somali and other languages.

Marisela V. Nelson Interpreting office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., however the interpretation services are available at any time. Marisela can be reached by calling 612-722-3337, or by email at info@prointerpreting.com.

Wright County Economic Development Partnership and the Central MN Small Business Development Center in St. Cloud provided Nelson with professional business and financial planning assistance in purchasing the business. Along with seller financing, Bank West of Rockford and Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) Microenterprise Loan Program provided the necessary financing.

Click read more for the full story.....

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CERTs Seed Grants are available for community-led clean energy projects in Minnesota.

Project must be completed within the funding period: December 2023 through January 13, 2025.

Amounts: These are considered *seed* grants and are for \$5,000-10,000. There are usually more requests than funds available.

The main goals of this funding:

- Support community-based clean energy projects in Minnesota. Clean energy projects can include energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, electric vehicles or other beneficial electrification, and energy storage.
- Encourage projects that are highly visible in the community and can be an example for other communities.
- We are especially looking for projects that:
 - Help people learn about clean energy, get energized, and consider what clean energy could mean for them.
 - Build community around clean energy by engaging a variety of community partners.
 - Remove barriers, making clean energy more accessible for everyone and easing the path to action.

Preferably, result in energy saved, generated, or electrified. ***Applications are due by noon on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.*** Projects will be notified of awards in December 2023 and can begin work once the contract is complete. A public announcement of the awarded projects will occur in late January 2024. [Sign up to receive the announcement.](#) Projects must be completed by January 13, 2025.

CERTs Seed Grants can be used for labor and minor materials and supplies. They cannot pay for equipment. See Eligibility below for details.

Wherever you are with your project idea, you can contact us. Staff are available to assist you throughout your project including with completing your application. Email us: grants@cleanenergyresourceteams.org.

Applications will be evaluated according to statewide criteria (based on these goals) as well as regional criteria established by CERTs Regional Steering Committees. See Review Criteria below for details.

REGIONAL FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Each region has its own pool of funding. Each regional CERT Steering Committee will make their region's funding selections. [See the map of the seven CERT regions of Minnesota.](#)

Funding for these projects is provided through the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Division of Energy Resources and the Morgan Family Foundation.

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Advanced Meat Processing Training Now Available



Expanded meat cutting training through Ridgewater College will better meet industry workforce needs across the country with a new Advanced Meat Processing Certificate recently approved to begin in spring 2024.

Ridgewater began offering an 18-credit Beginning Meat Cutting Certificate in 2022. Thanks to workforce need and interest, as well as U.S. Department of Education AgCentric grant support, Ridgewater is expanding its Meat Cutting program to also include a new 18-credit Advanced Meat Processing Certificate.

“We are very excited for the program to expand to the second of three planned certificates,” said Sophia Thommes, Ridgewater’s Meat Cutting instructor. “This will help with the nationwide need for butchers and meat cutters alike.” The third certificate will have an entrepreneurship focus and launch in the near future.

The seven Advanced Meat Processing courses will cover everything from livestock/carcass evaluation and advanced meat equipment to product curing, smoking, and record keeping. Like the current Beginning Meat Cutting certificate, the unique delivery of the new certificate will be a hybridized format of both online and in-person lectures for about 20 hours a week, as well as live, hands-on laboratory experiences, similar to the traditional apprenticeship model for about 20 more hours per week under the expertise of a credentialed faculty member.

The Beginning Meat Cutting certificate is NOT a prerequisite for people already working in the industry with the foundational knowledge.



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Diversity creates a healthier atmosphere for our employees, patients, and community. Allina Health is proud to be an Equal Employment Opportunity employer, and will make employment decisions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, protected veteran status, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.



OUR MISSION

What our employees say and we agree:

I believe our goals are to build a better Community, be sustainable by profit and growth, care for our environment, and create good relationships with our owners, community and subcontractors.

To maintain the BSC mission going forward and continue the legacy set by O.G. Bradbury. By following this mission together, we will achieve these goals for another 100 years.

We will do this by:

Working together as a team building cool projects in a professional, timely and safe manner that brings pride for the reputation of the company.

Have the best people and empower and support them to these goals while leading our industry in innovation, long term relationships and never shying away from a challenge!



At Cargill, everything begins with our purpose to nourish the world in a safe, responsible and sustainable way. Customers choose us for our world of expertise, delivered locally, quickly and reliably in a way that creates value together for them and us. Every day, we connect customers and suppliers to the world by developing personal relationships and setting the standard high on the way we work. When you join our team, you'll discover that our diverse businesses and products span a wide range of industries, geographies and disciplines. No matter what you want to accomplish, at Cargill, you're empowered to be your best. Join us to make connections, achieve your higher purpose and create a meaningful, global impact.