

9:00- 10:00am	Registration Opens					
10:00am	Welcome-Phil Mintz, NCMEP					
10:15–11:00am	Morning Keynote: The Hidden Workforce   Karen Brown, Director, NC Correction Enterprises					
Track Topics	Workforce and Culture	Prepping Your Business for Expansion	Emerging Topics in Manufacturing	Cost and Efficiency		
Session 1 11:00am– Noon	Strategies for Engagement and Retention—a Roadmap for Today's	Infrastructure for Increased Production Capacity	Digital Disruption in Manufacturing: Trends and Challenges	Continuous Improvement Good to Great		
Noon	Employees  Rick Furse, Director of Customized Industry Training, Western Piedmont Community College  Corinna Hollar, PHR, SHRM-CP, Leviton Morganton	Dr. Pat Mitchell, CEcD, Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, NC Commerce Melody Adams, Director, Rural Grant Programs George Sherrill, Director, CDBG Programs	Steve Gansen, CISCO	Bob Durand, Customized Training Director, Randolph Community College Kevin Coley, QC Manager, Technimark		
12:00-1:15pm	Lunch & Networking: Cybersecurity   Pat Toth, Supervisory Computer Scientist, Applied Computer Security Division, NIST					
Session 2 1:15–2:15pm	Creating a Winning Apprenticeship Program  Eddie Foster, Director of Customized Training & Campus Safety, Craven Community College  John Wilson, HR Manager, BSH	NC's Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) Wesley Fricks, Deputy Secretary for Interagency Affairs Sebastian Montagne, Strategic Planner, NC Department of Transportation	Funding Growth with Inventory and Contract Management  Tommy Kirk, COO, AloTech, Inc	Sustainability  David Catt, Keihin		
Session 3 2:15–3:15pm	Lean Manufacturing and Employee Engagement  David Laflamme, Plant Manager, Eden Operations, Loparex LLC	Sustainability: Business Expansion and the Environment  Scott Mouw, Recycling and Materials Management Section Chief, NC DEACS  Stacy Smith, Recycling Business Development Specialist  Terry Albrecht, Resource and Energy Efficiency Section Chief  Marcia Allocco, Environmental Assistance Coordinator  Jamie Ragan, Environmental Assistance Section Chief	The Design Thinking Workshop  Percy Hooper, Associate Professor, NC State  College of Design	Presentation Topic TBA  Daniel Grimsley, North America Quality  Manager, Voith Paper Fabric & Roll Systems  Inc.		
3:15-3:45pm	Hospitality Reception/Networking with Exhibitors					

3:45-4:30pm Closing Keynote for Day One | Speaker Invited

4:30-4:45pm Closing Remarks

8:30- 9:00am	Breakfast and Networking					
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Session 4 9:00– 10:00am	Creating a Collaborative Success in Rural NC	International Trade and Intellectual Property Rights	ISO 27000 Information Security Management for Business	How Robotics is Changing the Future of Manufacturing		
	Andrew Gardner, Montgomery Community College Nikki Green, Human Resources Manager,	Rick Hill, Director of International Trade, EDPNC	Michael Hall, SHBW & Partners	Jerry Pedley, Mertek		
	Mohawk Industries  John Coyle, Human Resources Manager,  Jordan Lumber & Supply					
10:00– 11:00am	Morning Keynote: Economic State of Manufacturing in NC Dr. Michael Walden, NCSU					
11:00– 11:15am	Break					
Session 5 11:15– 12:15pm	Corporate Culture and Transformation  Jennifer Covington, Office & HR Manager, Huber Technology, Inc.  Henk-Jan van Ettekoven, President, Huber Technology, Inc.  Allison Bowers, Business and Industry Director, Central Piedmont Community College	Available Programs for Small Manufacturers  John Loyack, VP of Global Business Services, EDPNC	The Power of Safety Culture Improving Performance in Manufacturing Mario Infante, Paper Mill Production Manager, Cascade Tissue Mickey Lee, Mill Manager, Cascade Tissue	Commonwealth Brands' Lean Journey Mark Evans, HR Manager, Commonwealth Brands Michal Mularczyk, Commonwealth Brands		
12:15- 2:00pm	Lunch/Keynote Speaker, NCMEP Leadership in Manufacturing Awards John E. Skvarla, III, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce					



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