

# AGENDA

## Day 1

11 AM - 1 PM

Exhibitor Set-up

1 PM

Registration Opens

1:30 - 2 PM

**Opening Remarks:**  
**Phil Mintz** – NCMEP  
**Ben Kinney** – Business NC

2 - 2:50 PM

**Opening Keynote: *Global Business Strategy and Local Manufacturing Implementation***  
Overview of a global, corporate strategy – and how to navigate, implement, and customize from a local, manufacturing perspective.  
**John McGirr** – Senior Vice President and General Manager, Corning Optical Fiber and Cable Division, Corning Incorporated

3 - 4 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

### Room A

#### ***Partnering for a Successful Apprenticeship Program***

**Jay Simmons** – Apprenticeship Program Manager, Machine Specialties

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### Room B

#### ***Journey to Manufacturing Excellence***

**Ryan Biddix** – Continuous Improvement Manager, Teijin Automotive Systems – Lenoir

**Tracy Gray** – Plant Manager, Teijin Automotive Systems – Lenoir

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### Room C

#### ***Food Safety & Security & Cybersecurity for Manufacturing Firms***

**Eric Hobbs** – President, Technology Associates

**Michael Druga** – President and CEO, SinnovaTek and FirstWave Innovations

**Tyler Brown** – VP of Manufacturing, SinnovaTek and FirstWave Innovations

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4 - 4:30 PM

Leadership Awards Ceremony

4:30 - 6 PM

Celebration of NC Manufacturing Reception and Vendor Tradeshow (Sponsored by )

6 PM

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## Day 2

7 AM

Registration Opens

7:30 AM

Breakfast Available

8 AM

Opening Remarks/Announcements

8:15 AM

**General Session – 2 mini sessions to be presented**

**Topic 1: *Supplier Matching*: KeAnne Hoeg** – Director of Data Management Systems, Supplier Matching and Reporting, NC State Industry Expansion Solutions

**Topic 2: *Streamlining Success: How Software Modernization Elevates Manufacturing Efficiency and Scalability*: Eric Lawrence** Director of Growth and Partnerships, Imagination

9:30 - 10:30 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

### Room A

***An Innovative Model for Addressing Skilled Labor Shortage***

**Bill McBrayer** – Human Resources, Safety, Health and Environmental Manager, Lexington Home Brands

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### Room B

***GE Aerospace's Key to Manufacturing Success – Exceeding Customer Expectations Through Learning and Consensus***

**Ed Zimmerman** – LEAP Manufacturing Program Leader, GE Aerospace

### Room C

***Using Training Within Industry (TWI) as a Foundation for Standardized Work***

**Dan Grimsley** – Corporate Learning and Development Manager, Chatsworth Products, Inc.

10:30 - 11 AM

Networking Break with Exhibitors

11 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

***Sustainability and the Circular Economy Panel***

**Roland Butzke** – Enterprise Account Executive, Sustainable Energy Management, Siemens Industry, Inc.

**Matthew Flowers** – Corporate Purchasing Manager, Unifi

**Kevin Martin** – Executive Director, Carolina Utility Customers Association (Moderator)

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***Navigating the Digital Transformation Journey***

**Steven Airoidi** – East Region General Manager, Vision 33

**Manufacturing Client** TBD

***Utilizing Kata for Improvement***

**Brandon Bunn** – Kaizen Promotion Officer, NC Correction Enterprises

Noon

Buffet Lunch Available

12:30 PM

**Keynote with Q&A: *How Automation Can Help Solve the Labor Shortage*: Lynn Crump** President, Cross Company

1:30 PM

Closing Comments and Door Prizes

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