

CORRESPONDENCE & EVENTS

(Items available upon request)

1. Hartford Business Journal article (10/11/23), ["Report: Workforce, cost of business remain top challenges for manufacturers."](#) The article reports on the findings of the recently released "CBIA 2023 Connecticut Manufacturing Report" (in partnership with CONNSTEP and ReadyCT). Key survey findings included "86% of manufacturers in the state report having difficulty finding and/or retaining employees. The lack of skilled job applicants was the greatest obstacle to growth for 48% of companies surveyed." To view the full report [Click Here](#).
2. Hartford Courant article, (10/08/23), ["With an 'incredible appetite' for labor: Electric Boat recruits locally, eyes Hartford and New Haven."](#) The article reports on efforts underway to help Electric Boat (EB) meet its current and future hiring needs, including EWIB and its Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI). The article also mentions, "EB has a vested interest in making sure that local manufacturers can succeed."
3. Sunday Bulletin front page, lead article (10/01/23), ["All about the future ~ Students get peek into manufacturing careers at expo."](#) The article reports on the **Explore Manufacturing Expo** that was held on Sept. 28, 2023 at Dodd Stadium in Norwich. EAMA RSP partnered with EWIB, ReadyCT, & the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce for the event. Approximately 540 middle & high school students from Eastern CT interacted with 24 manufacturers to learn about careers in manufacturing. Several posts were made on social media about the event as well.
4. U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney's (CT-2) (09/08/23) enewsletter article, ["Visiting the Mystic Job Fair & New Hiring Numbers at Electric Boat,"](#) discusses the need for skilled workers in Eastern CT across industries: "I'm continuing my work in Congress to boost federal investment into local job training programs like the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative . . ."
5. The Bulletin article (09/05/23), ["A rooted community member' SPIROL celebrates 75 years in business"](#) (Paywall). The article reports on EAMA RSP manufacturing member's momentous occasion, its history, and its future.
6. E-Mail from CT State Community College – Quinebaug Valley (09/27/23), informing EWIB of the **success of the "Intro to Plastics/Plastics I" training program**, and updating the status of the launch of the follow-on Plastics course the following week. The next round of the series is anticipated to start in February 2024.
7. E-Mail from **CT Comptroller Sean Scanlon's** office (08/14/23) requesting to **tour the MPI and see a "day in the life" of a Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI) student**. The day-long event was held on Oct. 16 and included visits to CT State - Quinebaug Valley and the Grasso Tech Manufacturing Apprenticeship Center to visit MPI classes & tour the manufacturing centers, as well as a roundtable discussion with several smaller EAMA RSP manufacturers held at EWIB and facilitated by Comptroller Scanlon and EAMA RSP Director Tony Benoit.