

News of Interest to EAMA RSP

1. *Hartford Business Journal* article (11/27/23): Courtney Murphy, EB's Director of talent acquisition, workforce development, and compensation was named one of HBJ's 2023 Innovators. As part of her hiring strategy Murphy touts EWIB's Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI) as one of their most successful pipelines. Read more [here](#).
2. *CTPost* Opinion Column (11/27/23): Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz op-ed "[Women Lead the Way in Manufacturing](#)" includes a story about Victoria Rook, who joined EAM RSP member Westminster Tool at the age of 16 while a student at Windham Tech. Today Victoria is lead EDM specialist and CNC team leader at the Plainfield company.
3. *CBIA* article (11/22/23): The CONNEX Connecticut Supply Chain Platform hit a milestone; 500 CT manufacturers registered in the first 10 months of operation. Read more [here](#).
4. *The Day* article (11/21/23): [\\$1 million in legal cannabis revenue directed to community groups](#) (Paywall) Shiela Hayes, the former president of the NAACP Norwich Branch and a newly elected member of the Norwich City Council, said a \$75,000 grant to the CT NAACP will go toward the Million Jobs Campaign to help formerly incarcerated people find jobs. She said the group is hoping to partner with the EWIB MPI. EAMA RSP will partner with the CT NAACP and EWIB on this project.
5. *CBIA* article (11/07/23): [Connecticut Awarded Tech Hub Manufacturing Grant » CBIA](#) The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration awarded a Tech Hubs Strategy Development Grant to the **Model-Based Enterprise Tech Strategy Development Consortium**. The grant is designed to scale the adoption of model-based definition in aerospace, medical devices, and clean energy. Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development will lead the consortium, which serves both Connecticut and Rhode Island.
6. *CBIA* article (11/06/23): [Read](#) the results of the 2023 National Manufacturing Survey conducted annually by Marcum. Among the highlights, the survey found that 71% of manufacturing leaders felt confident or cautiously optimistic about revenue growth in the next 12 months. The survey also showed that just 38% plan to raise prices compared with 70% the prior year.
7. Following his October 16 MPI tour, which included a roundtable discussion with several smaller EAMA RSP members, CT Comptroller Sean Scanlon wrote a *CT Post* op-ed, (10/23/23): "[Opinion: Building the future of manufacturing in CT](#)", which says that the MPI "is training hundreds of students per year, 80 percent of whom had no previous manufacturing experience. In just weeks – and at no cost to the student – any Connecticut resident can get the hands-on professional training, education, and job placement assistance they need to enter the manufacturing field."
8. *The Day* article, (10/22/23): (Paywall) "[When it comes to sub jobs, the sky's the limit](#)" which reports on EWIB scaling up the Youth Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (YMPI) to encourage more high school students to learn manufacturing skills. Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2) is quoted as saying of the YMPI, "This thing is really going to percolate into the other high schools. They've got to make this generational. They're going into the elementary and middle schools, too."
9. *CT Mirror* (10/20/23): President Joe Biden's request to Congress for \$3.4 billion in additional funding for the submarine industrial base would be a "significant boost" for Electric Boat and their suppliers based in Connecticut. Read more [here](#).

EAMA RSP Letter of Support submitted for:

- **Pathways to Educational and Employment Equity for Returning Citizens (PEER Citizens) proposal submitted to the USDOL Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants 4 (SCC4) program**
The proposed project addresses statewide educational and employment equity gaps that impact justice-involved individuals by building the capacity of the college and universities in this consortium to meet this population's unique needs, with a focus on expanding career pathway opportunities in in-demand manufacturing occupations.

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