

News of Interest to EAMA RSP

September 2025

1. *Hartford Business Journal* article (9/3/25) (Paywall): [This article](#) highlights results from CBIA's 2025 survey of CT businesses which include: "More than 9 in 10 businesses said the cost of doing business is rising, driven by labor, healthcare, energy, taxes and compliance costs. 76% of employers reported difficulty hiring and retaining workers, with skills gaps and wage expectations as top barriers." Read the full report [here](#).
2. *WFSB* article (8/29/25): As part of her swing through all six New England states, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer stopped at Electric Boat in Groton on August 29 to learn more about its critical role in building and maintaining submarines for the U.S. Navy. EWIB participated in the Secretary's visit which was part of her "America at Work" tour. "The visit emphasized how federal investments in infrastructure and defense are expected to boost job creation and economic growth in the region." Read more [here](#).
3. *Fox 61 video* (8/28/25): Congratulations to EAMA RSP member Westminster Tool who is being inducted into the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame. In this interview President & CEO Ray Coombs describes their growth from starting the business with \$600 in his basement to the success they enjoy today with a waiting list of potential employees. Listen to the interview [here](#).
4. *CT Mirror* article (8/23/25): "The developers of Connecticut's only offshore wind project, Revolution Wind, were ordered by the Trump administration...to stop construction....The project is already 80% complete according to Ørsted, one of its developers. It is designed to generate more than 700 megawatts of power — 305 megawatts to Connecticut and 400 to Rhode Island — and would provide power to the equivalent of about 350,000 homes." Read more [here](#).
5. *Chronicle* article (8/20/25) (Paywall): Among the career pathways available at Lyman Memorial High School in Lebanon, starting this year students will also be able to choose a welding pathway thanks to a collaboration between the school and the University of Connecticut, Electric Boat, and Collins & Jewell. Read more [here](#).
6. *Hartford Business Journal* article (8/19/25) (Paywall): EAMA RSP member "Pursuit Aerospace has announced an agreement to acquire Aeromet International, a U.K.-based supplier of aluminum and magnesium castings to the aerospace and defense industries....Formed by the 2023 merger of Whitcraft Group and Paradigm Precision, Pursuit is a diversified manufacturer of tight tolerance components used in commercial and military aircraft engines." Read more [here](#).
7. *CBIA* article (8/5/25): "As generative artificial intelligence and machine learning continue their rapid rise in popularity and uses in business operations, manufacturers are faced with how to implement AI in a manner that allows them to take advantage of the technology while remaining mindful of the associated risks." [This article](#) contains a variety of action steps for manufacturers to consider.
8. *Hartford Business Journal* article (7/28/25) (Paywall): "Andrew Bond has joined the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) as its first-ever Executive Director." Mr. Bond has spent his career to this point with Electric Boat's parent company General Dynamics. Read more [here](#) about his goals to help CCAT grow, by expanding into new training courses, new technology and anticipating the future needs of industry. Mr. Bond was one of the original co-chairs of EAMA RSP during its formation in 2021.
9. *CBIA article*: "Connecticut manufacturers face an ever-shifting economic landscape, navigating seesawing federal trade policies, inflation, a tight labor market, higher capital costs, supply chain risks, and geopolitical disruption." CBIA will host the Made in Connecticut: 2025 Manufacturing Summit on Thursday, October 2. The event is billed as "an in-depth exploration of the sector, including growth factors, policy priorities, hiring and investment trends, and the near and long-term outlook." Find more details [here](#).

Calendar of Events can be found at: <https://www.ewib.org/EAMA-RSP/Events-News>