

# *News of Interest to EAMA RSP*

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1. *SSBCrack* article (12/10/25): The U.S. Navy has implemented a sophisticated AI Shipbuilding Operating System (Ship OS), powered by Palantir's Foundry and Artificial Intelligence Platform. Electric Boat has been piloting the AI system for its scheduling process, reducing planning time from 160 hours to less than 10 minutes. The Navy also plans to roll this out to almost 100 suppliers in addition to two shipbuilders. Read more [here](#).
2. *Hartford Business Journal* article (11/20/25) (Paywall): Connecticut has pledged \$121 million to expand quantum technology research in the state. The funding will support the nonprofit QuantumCT, which will coordinate efforts between Yale University and the University of Connecticut. The investment will help establish a shared research and development incubator facility in New Haven. Read more [here](#).
3. *CBIA* article (10/30/25): While other costs are rising, there is some good news for manufacturers. Workers' Compensation rates for manufacturers will drop in 2026. They will drop by 5.6% in the voluntary market and drop by 2.3 % in the assigned risk market. Read more [here](#).
4. *Fox 61 News* (10/29/25): Bacon Academy in Colchester is an exemplary YMPI participating high school and, with 130 students enrolled in their 4-year program, has one of the largest manufacturing programs in the state. Much of their success can be attributed to manufacturing instructor **Dave Mason** who recently received a Milken Educator Award, which recognizes outstanding educators throughout the United States. Mason is the only Connecticut educator to receive the award this year and the 103rd recipient from the state since it joined the Milken Educator Awards Program in 1988. Check out the video and photos [here](#).
5. *Hartford Business Journal* article (10/23/25) (Paywall): CT DECD Commissioner Daniel O'Keefe announced that four manufacturers have received matching grants totaling \$2.6 million from its \$25 million Strategic Supply Chain Initiative program, launched earlier this year. Among them is EAMA RSP member **Sheffield Pharmaceuticals** who will be using the grant to help expand capacity and product lines in their packaging and mixing systems. Read more [here](#). To learn more about DECD's Strategic Supply Chain Initiative program, click [here](#).
6. *Hartford Business Journal* article (10/22/25) (Paywall): Following up on the company's induction into the Manufacturing Hall of Fame, [this article](#) takes an in-depth look at the history and growth of EAMA RSP member and true family-owned business **Westminster Tool**.
7. *CBIA* article (10/2/25): Among the findings of the annual [2025 CT Manufacturing Report](#) produced by CBIA and its affiliates CONNSTEP and ReadyCT was the following: 82% of manufacturers report difficulty finding and retaining workers, with skills gaps the top barrier. Probably no surprise to anyone, 95% of manufacturers say the cost of doing business is rising. Read the article [here](#).
8. *EIN Presswire* (10/1/25): EAMA RSP member **Chapco** celebrated Manufacturing Month by announcing it had achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification, the internationally recognized benchmark for Quality Management Systems. "This certification is more than a milestone for Chapco—it's a commitment to our customers," said Brian Weinstein, Chapco's President & Chief Executive. "It validates our quality management system for consistency, efficiency, and continuous improvement. It reinforces the trust our partners place in us to deliver high-performance sheet metal fabrication on time, on spec., and on budget." Weinstein thanked CONNSTEP and AMTIVO for their expertise and guidance. Read more [here](#).

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