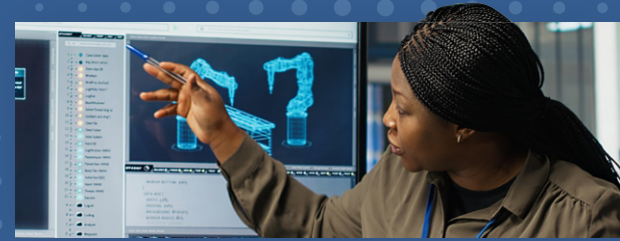


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WHAT

A national conference for the leaders building America's manufacturing and defense workforce.

WHEN

October 20-21, 2026

WHERE

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5600 Seawall Blvd
Galveston, TX

WHO'S BEHIND IT

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What's In It For You?

INDUSTRY LEADERS

Manufacturers, defense contractors, OEMs, supply-chain leaders

- Build the talent pipeline your business needs
- Connect directly with workforce and education partners, solving your hiring challenges
- See what's working in other regional facturing ecosystems

WORKFORCE LEADERS

Workforce boards, training providers, apprenticeship organizations, veteran and nonprofit organizations

- Meet employers who are hiring now
- Learn proven training and apprenticeship models you can replicate
- Build funding and partnership relationships

EDUCATION LEADERS

Community colleges, universities, CTE leaders, educators

- Align programs with real, current employer demand
- Build direct pipelines from classroom to career
- Partner with industry on curriculum and hands-on training

GOVERNMENT, POLICY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEADERS

Federal, state and local leaders, regional economic development organizations

- See what's driving manufacturing growth in other regions
- Connect industry, education and workforce partners in your own community
- Shape policy and investment decisions with real employer input

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