

FAQs For Eastern CT Educators

Explore Manufacturing:

A Stop on Manufacturing Roadshow '23

Dodd Stadium, Norwich CT | September 28, 2023



Q: What is the purpose of this event?

A: This event is designed to raise awareness and interest in the broad career opportunities in Connecticut manufacturing. The expo – [A stop on Manufacturing Roadshow '23](#), a series that was kicked off by the 11.2.22 ACM Future Workforce Opportunities Fair – is planned to help Connecticut manufacturers build and expand talent pipelines.

Q: Why should I participate?

A: Manufacturing isn't what it was a generation ago; it's lean, clean, green and far more technologically advanced. There are over 4,000 manufacturers in CT, employing more than 160,000 workers. Manufacturing jobs pay well above the average salary statewide and awareness among young people is key to filling these jobs. This is an opportunity to introduce *your* students to local manufacturers who will demonstrate and describe the product they make, the various job opportunities and career pathways they offer, and the education/training/skills and abilities needed for those jobs. The Roadshow also includes engaging activities involving the use of virtual reality, robotics, and 3D printing, and students will have an opportunity to put math skills to use through hands-on precision measurement activities.

Q: Is this a job fair?

A: This is a career awareness event, not a job fair; however, students who are job ready are encouraged to bring resumes.

Q: Which students should I bring?

A: This is an opportunity for students already taking manufacturing courses to meet local manufacturers and learn more about career opportunities in their area. It's also an opportunity to expose younger, undecided students, or those in business, engineering, or related CTE pathways, to the vast opportunities in the manufacturing industry. These include CNC machining, quality inspection, welding and engineering, as well as operations, sales, human resources, accounting, and software development just to name a few.

Q: Is transportation provided?

A: Schools are responsible for providing their own bus transportation. Free on-site parking is available. Contact Angela Adams at angelaadams@norwichchamber.com if transportation is an issue for your school district.

