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Manufacturers Make a Difference

As I've shared in this column many times before, one of the strengths of the Greater Mankato region is its industry diversity. A large component of that diversity is manufacturing.

Manufacturing, as one of Greater Mankato's largest sectors, accounts for nearly 17% of our total payroll/wages. And within the manufacturing sector, we see even more diversity, with industries producing a wide variety of products.

You can see how some of these products are produced and learn about the company's that manufacture them at the first ever **Tour of Manufacturing on Saturday, October 30.**

Manufacturers from across South Central Minnesota will be participating in this tour presented by Greater Mankato Growth, along with the MN Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED), South Central Workforce Council, Region Nine Development Commission, Minnesota State University, Mankato, South Central College, South Central Service Cooperative and V-Tek, Inc.

For complete information on this no cost event, including a map of all participating manufacturers, visit tourofmanufacturing.com.

For the manufacturers themselves, Greater Mankato Growth is continuing its mission of connecting businesses with opportunities for professional education and development, by offering



some specific programs for manufactures as part of Minnesota Manufacturing Week, which is October 25 – 29.

The week prior we will help put on a full day Principles of Lean Manufacturing Workshop on **October 20**, in conjunction with South Central College's Center for Business and Industry, Enterprise Minnesota, Council for Quality and Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

On **October 26** the Envision 2020 Green Building Group, along with Greater Mankato Growth, will present a Manufacturers Energy Efficiency Workshop from 4 – 6 pm.

Visit greatermankato.com/business-manufacturing.php for more details on these events and learn more about manufacturing in our region.

With approximately 1 in 7 employees in Greater Mankato working in the manufacturing field, and with another 1.3 jobs existing as a result, it makes sense to get to know more about this important sector and its impact on our economy.

Forums and Debates hosted by Greater Mankato Growth

Thank you everyone who has been a part of our forums and events. We look forward to seeing many of you at **next week's events:**

MN House District 23A Debate.....October 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 South Central College Conference Center Room A, 1920 Lee Boulevard, North Mankato

Mankato Mayor Debate.....October 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 AmericInn Hotel & Conference Center, 240 Stadium Road, Mankato

North Mankato City Council ForumOctober 20, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
 South Central College Heritage Hall, 1920 Lee Boulevard, North Mankato

MN Senate District 23 DebateOctober 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 City Center Hotel, 101 East Main Street, Mankato

Don't forget to submit your questions for the candidates at greatermankato.com/gmg-publicaffairsevents.php