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House Democratic Policy Committee Hearing

Propel PA – Penn State Business Incubator
Innovation Hub Room 603

Tuesday, February 2, 2022 11:30 a.m.

Representative Mike Schlossberg

- 11:30 a.m. Lunch, Welcome & Introductions
Dennis Gilbert, President & CEO
Innovative Manufacturer's Center
- 12:00 p.m. Presentation: Industrial Resource Center Overview
Petra Bracko Mitchell, President & CEO
Catalyst Connection
- 12:15 p.m. Roundtable Discussion: Chair Schlossberg
Moderator: Eric Joseph Esoda, President & CEO
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PA House Democratic Policy Committee Meeting - Feb 1, 2022 - Roster at of 1/31/22

Industry

Individual	Title	Company	Center Represented	Status	Talking Point Area		
					Workforce	AMT	Supply Chain
Dan Lutz	President	Metal Integrity West	IMC	In-Person		X	
Marc Dagata	Owner	Metal Integrity East	IMC/NEPIRC	In-Person	X		
Tom Kane	Director - New Technology Development	Restek Corporation	IMC	In-Person			X
Ben Eltz	CEO	Diamondback Covers	IMC	In-Person			X - Lead
Jon Meighan	President	Lake Erie Rubber & Manufacturing	NWIRC	Virtual		X	
Matt Koket	President	GeorgeKo Industries	NWIRC	Virtual	X		
John Thigpen	President	ILSCO Extrusion	NWIRC	Virtual			X
Heidi McKenna	President	The Fredericks Company	DVIRC	Virtual	X - Lead		
Christopher (Chris) Tarsa	President	C.L. Sturkey, Inc.	MANTEC	Virtual		X - Lead	
Shelly Slotter McWilliams	President	Lehigh Valley Plastics	MRC	In-Person		X	

IRC & Related

Individual	Title	Company	Center Represented	Status
Dennis Gilbert	President	Innovative Manufacturers' Center (IMC)	IMC	In-Person
Lauri Moon	Manager, Training & Outreach	Innovative Manufacturers' Center (IMC)	IMC	In-Person
Dana Gordon	Director of Client Services	Innovative Manufacturers' Center (IMC)	IMC	In-Person
Eric Joseph Esoda	President & CEO	NEPIRC, Inc.	NEPIRC	In-Person
Chelsey Coslett	Manager of Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement	NEPIRC, Inc.	NEPIRC	In-Person
Randall Yash	Director of Technology & Information Systems	NEPIRC, Inc.	NEPIRC	In-Person
Barry Miller	President & CEO	DVIRC	DVIRC	Virtual
Petra Mitchell	President & CEO	Catalyst Connection	Catalyst Connection	In-Person
Robert Zaruta	President & CEO	NWIRC	NWIRC	Virtual
Richard Hobbs	President & CEO	MRC	MRC	In-Person
Bruce Newell	President & CEO	MANTEC	MANTEC	In-Person
Charles (Chuck) Kolling, Jr.	Senior Principal	Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney	IRCN	In-Person

Elected Officials & Staffers

Individual	Title	Affiliation	Center Represented	Status
Joanna McClinton	Representative	PA House	DVIRC	In-Person
Ryan Bizzarro	Representative	PA House	NWIRC	In-Person
Chris Sainato	Representative	PA House	DVIRC	In-Person
Steven Malagari	Representative	PA House	DVIRC	In-Person
Mary Isaacson	Representative	PA House	DVIRC	In-Person
Joe Hohenstein	Representative	PA House	DVIRC	In-Person
Mike Schlossberg	Representative	PA House	MRC	In-Person
Mark Longietti	Representative	PA House	NWIRC	In-Person
Steve Kinsey	Representative	PA House	DVIRC	In-Person
Gina Curry	Representative	PA House	DVIRC	In-Person

Manufacturers - IN PERSON	5
Manufacturers - VIRTUAL	5
IRC Personnel - IN PERSON	10
IRC Personnel - VIRTUAL	2
Legislators - IN PERSON	10
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Manufacturer Roundtable
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Penn State Innovation Hub
Industry Participant List**

**Marc Dagata
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Metal Integrity East
Carbondale, PA**

**Dan Lutz
President
Metal Integrity West
State College, PA**

Metal Integrity specializes in the precision CNC machining, welding, laser-cutting, forming and fabrication of sheet metal components for specialized applications in a variety of markets. With extensive on-site machining capabilities, Metal Integrity routinely handles large and small quantity orders of products with rigorous tolerance requirements. www.metalintegrity.com

**Ben Eltz
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Diamondback Covers
Phillipsburg, PA**

Diamondback Covers was founded by Ethan Wendle and Matt Chverchko, who met each other while attending Penn State University in 2003. The company was birthed as a classroom project in their engineering entrepreneurial class and has since grown from a garage operation into a great American corporation. Diamondback Covers manufactures truck covers for every truck on the market, along with ATV/SXS carriers. Diamondback Covers is committed to American manufacturing, and as such, the company constructs its products using metal, hardware and welding supplies that come from domestic suppliers. www.diamondbackcovers.com

**Thomas Kane, Ph.D.
Director of New Technology Development
Restek Corporation
Bellefonte, PA**

Founded in 1985, **Restek Corporation** is a leading international developer and manufacturer of chromatography columns, sample preparation and collection products, reference standards and instrument accessories. Restek works with analysts around the world, providing them with tools to monitor the quality of air, water, soil, foods, botanicals, pharmaceuticals and chemical and petroleum products. Restek is a 100% employee-owned company that is ISO 9001:2015, ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and ISO 17034:2016 certified. The company also holds several patents and trademarks for its products and processes. www.restek.com

**Matt Koket
President
GeorgeKo Industries
Erie, PA**

Founded in 1980, **GeorgeKo Industries** is family owned and operated and has enjoyed over 30 years' experience in the manufacturing of plastic parts. Its custom injection molding facility molds parts serving a broad range of industries, including juvenile products, automotive, medical, consumer and construction. GeorgeKo Industries has been ISO 9001:2008 certified since June 2003 and is also UL approved for electrical components and assemblies. GeorgeKo carved out a niche for itself by specializing in short production runs and molding, assembling and shipping its products using all in-house expertise. The firm also has competitive advantages in tool transfers, insert molding and over-molding and has successfully reshored tools from overseas. www.georgeko.com

Heidi McKenna
President
The Fredericks Company
Huntingdon Valley, PA

For more than 85 years, **The Fredericks Company** has specialized exclusively in tilt and vacuum measurement products. As a global provider and U.S. manufacturer and designer, Fredericks' products are made with state-of-the-art sensing technology, proven processes and an intrinsic passion for the trade. The company's comprehensive tilt sensor product portfolio, TrueTILT™, offers electrolytic tilt sensors, inclinometers and tilt switches. Its tilt measurement products serve industries ranging from construction and RV leveling to aerospace applications and everything in between. The Fredericks Company is ISO 9001:2015 certified, is a Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) and is registered with the U.S. State Department as ITAR compliant. www.frederickscompany.com

Jon Meighan
President
Lake Erie Rubber & Manufacturing
Erie, PA

Lake Erie Rubber & Manufacturing is a six-decade, multi-generational, family-owned manufacturing company. Its focus on employee engagement, lean manufacturing and customer service has resulted in Lake Erie Rubber enjoying multiple consecutive years of growth. Lake Erie Rubber manufactures custom rubber products, along with rubber bonded and metal parts, including those that must meet military or ASTM specifications. www.lakeerierubber.com

Christopher (Chris) Tarsa
President
C.L. Sturkey, Inc.
Lebanon, PA

C. L. Sturkey was founded in 1944 by Clarence L. Sturkey, who traveled from hospital to hospital sharpening permanent microtome knives and selling ones his company had manufactured. From a one-man operation, the company now serves a global customer base and has built its reputation for offering the largest line of microtome knives in the world. The Sturkey name can be found in hospitals, physicians' offices, private and government laboratories, colleges, universities, medical schools, veterinary schools and pharmaceutical and industrial companies. Today, the company is known for its EXTREMUS™ disposable knives and new SELECT line of knives, which feature a unique combination of proprietary coatings. www.sturkey.com

John Thigpen
President
ILSCO Extrusions
Greenville, PA

ILSCO Extrusions is a major manufacturer of branded products and components for the electrical and energy markets. Its clients rely on ILSCO as their singular resource for design and engineering support, extrusion, precision cutting, machining, finishing, inventory and creative long-term supply arrangements. ILSCO works with a variety of aluminum alloys and takes a strategic approach to managing its supply chain. The company is privately held and ISO 9001:2015 certified. www.ilscoextrusions.com

Shelly Slotter McWilliams
President
Lehigh Valley Plastics
Bethlehem, PA

For more than 50 years, Lehigh Valley Plastics (LVP) has remained a state-of-the-art machine shop, fabricator and distributor of advanced plastic components and materials. LVP specializes in working with nearly any type of plastic material to manufacture products that suit its customers. The company stays cost competitive through collaboration, process-oriented R&D and a continuous improvement culture. LVP has the experience and equipment to produce virtually any plastic product, from the simplest to the most complex, and serves a wide variety of industries like agriculture, electronics, energy, food and beverage, heavy equipment, material handling, medical and transportation. LVP is also ISO 9001:2015 certified, ITAR registered and a member of the International Association of Plastics Distribution. www.lehighvalleyplastics.com