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2023 MANUFACTURING & INTERNATIONAL TRADE DAY

MARCH 16, 2023 | 12:00 - 7:00 PM

DELTA COLONIAL HOTEL – HELENA

- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **Registration**
- 12:00 - 12:15 PM** **Welcome**
Todd O’Hair, President/CEO—Montana Chamber of Commerce
- 12:15 - 12:30 PM** **Opening Remarks**
Scott Sehnert, President—Montana Manufacturing Association
- 12:30 - 1:15 PM** **Networking Lunch and Keynote Address**
Jim Vinoski, Host—Manufacturing Talks
- 1:15 - 1:55 PM** **Panel: Montana’s Manufacturing Leaders**
Ken Hannah, Director of Operations—Applied Materials
Mark Ranalli, President/CEO—BioSqueeze
Lance Nierby, CEO—Montana Silversmiths
Lamont Kotter, Vice President of Manufacturing Operations—West Paw
Moderator: Paddy Fleming, Director—Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
- 1:55 - 2:20 PM** **Fireside Chat: Creating Rewarding Careers to Stay in Montana**
Mark Fairbairn, Director/Site Leader—Boeing Helena
Moderator: Scott Sehnert, President—Montana Manufacturing Association
- 2:20 - 2:45 PM** **Presentation: What Montana Can Learn From Industry-Education Partnerships in Germany**
Jenni West, Associate Director—Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
- 2:45 - 3:05 PM** **Fireside Chat: Exploring Workforce Solutions in Manufacturing**
Mike Braun, Director of Employer Partnerships—Accelerate Montana
John Freer, Director of Trades Education—Missoula College
Moderator: Paul Gladen, Director—Accelerate Montana
- 3:05 - 3:35 PM** **Fireside Chat: Investing in Montana—Choosing the Last Best Place**
Christopher Friedel, Vice President & General Manager—TowHaul
Diane Bristol, Vice President of Community and Culture—Simms
Moderator: Todd O’Hair, President/CEO—Montana Chamber
- 3:35 - 4:05 PM** **Fireside Chat: Value-Added Ag Transforming Our Local Communities**
David Sigler, Owner / Director of Sales—Bridger Brewing
Steve Fehrs, Chief Operations Officer—Hi-Country Snack Foods
Moderator: Scott Sehnert, President—Montana Manufacturing Association
- 4:05 - 4:30 PM** **Fireside Chat: This is NOT Hollywood—Real Innovation in Montana Media Manufacturing and Film Production**
John Suh, Founding Director—New Horizons Studio
Mark Sharpe, Executive Director—Montana State University Innovation Campus
Lynn-Wood Fields, Founder/CEO—Media Training Center
Moderator: Candace Carr Strauss, Vice President Marketing/Communications—Montana Chamber of Commerce
- 4:30 - 5:00 PM** **Panel: Growing Montana’s International Trade Presence**
Pete Smith, President—HCR Inc.
Will Schmautz, CEO—Nomad Global Communications Solutions
Bekhi Spika, Vice President/Director of Sales—Spika Design & Manufacturing
Bryan Wood, President—Wood’s Powr-Grip
Moderator: Courtney Kibblewhite, Chair—Montana Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- 5:00 - 5:15 PM** **Closing Remarks**
- 5:15 - 7:00 PM** **Trade Show & Reception with Governor Greg Gianforte**