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### **CMTC Offers Last Chance for Manufacturers to Attend the Next Generation Rail SupplyChain Forum**

**TORRANCE, CA** –[California Manufacturing Technology Consulting](http://www.cmtc.com)<sup>®</sup> (CMTC) invites manufacturers to attend the [Next Generation Supply Chain Forum](#) in Orlando, FL on May 8, 2012. This event is the last in an initial series of forums held nationwide in Sacramento, Chicago, Kansas City and Orlando. As an incentive, the first 150 manufacturers who sign up for [this rail supply chain forum](#), will have the attendance fee waived – a \$300 value.

By attending the Orlando event, manufacturers will receive first-hand knowledge of the \$551 million request for proposals (RFP) that was announced on April 20<sup>th</sup> by Caltrans to build the Next Generation railcars. Attendees will meet Railcar Manufacturers who will be competing for the funding. The RFP covers the manufacturing of 130 new bi-level passenger rail cars to be used on Amtrak's intercity routes in California, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri and potentially Iowa. This procurement is important to U.S. railcar suppliers because it includes a 100% "Buy America" provision requiring that all components of the new cars are built with American-produced steel, iron and manufactured goods.

After attending the Sacramento event, Terry Trumbull, Vice President at Electro-Mech Components located in El Monte thought the presentations were strong and the speakers knowledgeable. He stated, "loved the event, it was informative and I knew how rare it was to get all those OEMs in one place for potential suppliers like us to meet."

The event is made possible by collaboration between the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the US Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) which provides venues for smaller manufacturers to learn what products are needed and find out more about investments they need to consider when entering the rail industry. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for [business matchmaking sessions](#) taking place at the conference.

"This event provides manufacturers an opportunity to meet industry leaders in a new industry sector and begin the process to diversify and grow their businesses," stated Jim Watson, President and CEO of CMTC.

The forum is being held in conjunction with the [Manufacturing Innovation 2012 national conference](#), an annual 4 day event organized by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). The event brings together over 700 manufacturers, industry experts, and MEP field staff to gain valuable information on the latest trends and technologies facing U.S. manufacturers.

**ABOUT CMTC** A private, nonprofit corporation established in 1992, CMTC is the Southern California affiliate of NIST MEP, under the Federal Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program, a network of more than 60 centers across the country that provides assistance to small, medium and large manufacturers. CMTC serves Fresno to San Diego/Imperial County. For more information, visit [www.cmtc.com](http://www.cmtc.com)

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