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California Organizations and Manufacturers Participate in 177 Manufacturing Day Events

Torrance, CA – October 19, 2016 – On the 5th annual Manufacturing Day, held on Friday, October 7, 2016, organizations and manufacturers celebrated the vitality of California manufacturing by hosting students and workers across the state at 177 events. Manufacturing Day is an annual event designed to expand knowledge of American manufacturing and improve the public’s perception of manufacturing careers and the industry’s value to the economy. It is also an opportunity to educate and motivate the next generation of California manufacturers and workers.

In his proclamation for Manufacturing Day 2016, President Barack Obama stated, “On National Manufacturing Day, we celebrate American manufacturing and recognize our potential to remain competitive by continuing to strengthen research, development, and our manufacturing sector.

The event gave manufacturers the opportunity to demonstrate their products and new production technologies. It also allowed them to dispel some common misperceptions by showing what today’s manufacturing is about advanced technologies, clean state-of-the-art facilities and well educated, well paid workers.

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In the city of Compton, 600 high school students visited Ace Clearwater, a manufacturer that specializes in the fabrication of complex assemblies for the aerospace and power generation industries. Here, the students viewed fifteen work centers that demonstrated state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies including computer assisted design (CAD), additive manufacturing (3D printing), computer numeric control (CNC) machining, and computer driven laser cutting. “This is the fourth year that we’ve participated in hosting a Manufacturing Day; it’s great to see such a large turnout of students who are interested in manufacturing opportunities.” Stated Arthur Wong, Director at Ace Clearwater

In San Leandro in Northern California, Scandic hosted local area students with a tour of their facility that specializes in fourslide forming, tool making, progressive die stamping and spring coiling. Scandic also is pleased to help university-level engineering students on their class projects. They have worked with students from Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, San Francisco State and San Jose State.

Most of the manufacturers that participated in Manufacturing Day were small and medium-sized companies. “These companies are critical to California, representing 95% of the manufacturing locations employing high-paying jobs with each job creating another 2.5 additional non-manufacturing jobs”. Stated James Watson, President and CEO of CMTC, “The manufacturing sector is vital to the growth of California. Manufacturing Day events allow these organizations to showcase their skills and technologies to the general public and raise the awareness of their importance to our economy.”

To view a complete listing of all organizations participating in this year’s Manufacturing Day, please visit the Manufacturing Day website at www.mfgday.com.

About CMTC

CMTC, a private non-profit corporation, was established in 1992 to provide consulting services to small and mid-size manufacturers in California. CMTC operates through a cooperative agreement between the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the Department of Commerce. For more information visit www.cmtc.com.

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