“Leading the Way to Next Generation Maryland Manufacturing”

HISTORY and IMPACT

Founded in 1990, the Regional Manufacturing Institute (RMI), a non-profit association, was created for manufacturers to be globally competitive. The association provides over 2,000 Maryland small, medium and large manufactures, and their business partners, with tailored information to help their businesses grow and stay competitive.

Maryland manufacturers have a wide variety of public and private resources to assist them. The problem is that these resources are fragmented. The RMI organization has traditionally served as a unique manufacturing resource node and connector for Maryland manufacturing. RMI reaches the manufacturing community like no other organization, bringing together multiple public organizations and successfully markets programs to industry. RMI’s well earned stature enables the organization to reach top level CEOs in the State, the Governor of the State of Maryland, U.S. Senators and Congressmen as well as the State's political leadership and the media.

For over 20 years, RMI has provided hands-on help to manufacturers in the following ways:

- Addressing workforce needs through its collaborative relationship with community colleges and relevant government agencies;
- Connecting smaller manufacturers to larger manufactures to provide learning models on lean practices, exporting, green manufacturing and, more recently, Next Generation Manufacturing;
- Educating manufacturers through a variety of high level forums, small intimate gatherings and online web-services on available resources to help them export globally;
- Informing the general public about the sophistication of today’s manufacturing and the attractiveness for manufacturing jobs for young people;
- Connecting manufacturers with private, state, federal resource to help manufacturers export their products globally; and
- Providing the “voice of manufacturing” to helped educate senior policy makers on the importance of manufacturing to the State’s economy to ensure that adequate resources and proper attention are devoted to manufacturing.

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