



IMPACT Manufacturing Summit

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IMPACT brings its attendees a truly comprehensive educational program that is 100% peer-driven and developed by 37 steering committee members from distinguished companies. The program addresses the major pressures and challenges seen in today's manufacturing world, from maintaining a successful continuous improvement system, to the complex managing and developing of innovation, technology and workforce. IMPACT is a must-attend event for all manufacturing executives.

Distinguished Steering Committee Members

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Target Audience

**C-Level, Senior Vice President, Vice President,
Director, Head, Lead & Manager of:**

Automation	Manufacturing
Continuous Improvement	Operations
Distribution	Owners & Presidents
Engineering	Sustainability/Green
Facilities	Packaging
Innovation	Plant
IT	Procurement & Sourcing
Lean/Six Sigma	Production
Logistics & Transportation	Quality Control
Maintenance	Supply Chain





Keeping Up with the Age of Disruptive Manufacturing

Key Themes & Topics

Manufacturing Leadership Strategies

This track was specifically developed to support manufacturing leaders with best strategies and management tactics relating to planning and development, performance improvement and technology application. Effective leadership strategies are usually considered the foundation of any successful operation. Top leaders also see innovation and technology implementation as some of the most important ways for companies to accelerate the pace of change in today's global business environment. This track brings together a comprehensive view of varied methods that tackle some of the most pressing challenges in leadership.

- Leadership Planning and Development in the Digital Age
- Building a Successful and Sustainable Business Planning Process
- Leading Change and Manufacturing Innovation in Global Market
- Inspiring and Motivating Teams for Collaboration and Success
- Stimulating and Managing Innovation while Managing Cost Reductions
- Global Economic and Political Landscape Impacting the Manufacturing World (Sponsored)

Effective Continuous Improvement

Continuous improvement is a great way for companies to identify opportunities and integrate improvements into their day-to-day operations. Working to constantly improve is the number one way in which businesses reduce operating overhead and streamline workflows. A successful CI plan allows companies to reduce wasted time and effort, resulting in time and money savings. This track will highlight some effective and tested continuous improvement strategies through carefully crafted presentations and case studies for the manufacturing leader of today.

- Panel: The Future of Lean Manufacturing and Continuous Improvement Programs
- Integration of CI throughout Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Procurement
- How to Sustain Meaningful Improvements Without Additional Resources
- Workplace Motivation for Continuous Improvement

Implementing Digital Manufacturing

The digital revolution is making a big impact in the world of manufacturing, providing more data than ever before. Artificial intelligence, automation and robotics, and additive technology are changing the game for many manufacturers and will transform every aspect of manufacturing in the next few years. However, the successful application and implementation of these technologies to optimize factory operations, boost product quality or improve cost-effectiveness is the challenge that many manufacturers are confronting. During this track, manufacturing leaders will discuss best strategies, practices and successful case studies of their digitalization transformation.

- Panel: Overcoming Roadblocks to Achieving Effective Digital Manufacturing
- The Impact of Internet of Things on the Manufacturing Floors (Sponsored Session)
- Automation and Robotics: The Impact on the Factory Floor and Future Workforce
- Current and Future Opportunities of Additive Manufacturing

Workforce & Talent Management

In the business world, it has now been established that to drive optimal levels of operational success, business leaders need to engage high-performing employees, foster new talent and keep developing their workforce. Throughout this track workforce management experts will discuss top approaches to keeping an engaged workforce, managing the changing landscape and tackling the task of attracting qualified talent.

- How to Attract Millennials into Perceived Lower Tech Manufacturing Careers (Sponsored session)
- Workforce Training and Development: Creating Leaders at all Levels
- Improving Current Employee Engagement and Productivity Levels
- Strategies for Retention of Skilled Employees in a Changing Workforce Landscape