



## Manufacturing Renaissance cited as a “National Best Practice Model”

The Century Foundation partnered with the Steel Valley Authority, Keystone Research Center, and the Industrial Union Council of the AFL-CIO for the first High Wage America Heartland summit, **Manufacturing a Better Paying Pennsylvania**, in

Pittsburgh on October 17.

Over 80 labor, community, business and workforce leaders participated in the summit keynoted by USW President Leo Gerard, State Senator Kim Ward and Pennsylvania Secretary of Economic Development, Dennis Davin. Dan Swinney—our Executive Director—presented the story of the Chicagoland Manufacturing Renaissance Council and Manufacturing Connect on a panel. His presentation was exceptionally well received. As a result, **the Century Foundation is interested in co-hosting another conference in Chicago June of 2018.**

[Read the report](#)

Century Foundation Website

## Cook County Bureau of Economic Development Updates

**October CMMC meeting.** Of interest might be highlights of post-secondary workforce training providers inventory and distribution of program types. Does the distribution reflect demand? One manufacturer said that 60% of all

products have plastic and there are no programs in area that focus on plastics. [Read the Power Point](#)



**Calumet Manufacturing Sector Partnership launched.** Partnership among 7 organizations including OAI and CSEDC. 30 manufacturers registered. See next issue for report.

**Bureau is planning a transatlantic cluster exchange with the German American Chamber of Commerce, University of Illinois and mHUB on industry 4.0 for spring.** A delegation of German EDOs/ businesses will come here and a similar group will go there.

**County pleased to support \$50,000 grant (CDBG) funds to Manufacturing Renaissance** to develop manufacturing programs in South Suburbs. MR to provide update in a future edition.

**David Swanson has joined Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership as the manufacturing lead staff person.**



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## Ministers For Manufacturing Breakfast a big Hit!

On a chilly, rainy November 4th morning 12 committed ministers from around Chicago visited historic Quinn Chapel in Bronzeville to learn about manufacturing and the newly formed Ministers for Manufacturing Committee of the CMRC. The new group, chaired by Rev. Anthony Haynes, will help share information about manufacturing and engage in education and training to their congregations and their communities. After hearing presentations by Manufacturing Renaissance staff and several ministers, and engaging in a lively discussion, 7 clergy signed on to the executive advisory team and another 12 have pledged ongoing support.

**The group will begin a region-wide community education campaign in early 2018.**

[See the program agenda](#)

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## CMRC Legislative and Policy Committee Underway

The newly formed **Legislative and Policy Committee** has held several planning meetings over the last two months. The committee is in formation and currently includes an executive advisory **core team** led by former state Senator Alice Palmer; former state Senator Steve Rauschenberger; former state Representative and current top Springfield lobbyist, Paul Williams; and, Teresa Cordova, Director of the UIC Great Cities Program.



The committee will inform and advise elected officials and their senior staff at the city, county, state and federal levels on industrial and manufacturing related policy. They plan to initially concentrate on career technical education and training policy in the context of promoting a comprehensive and socially inclusive regional industrial policy.

**The group is planning to use their unique access to legislative bodies to organize committee hearings at every level of government. The hearings will begin in 2018.** At full strength, the committee will include no more than 9 executive members and up to 25 general members from across the legislative and policy landscape. **They will announce their official formation at the December 14th CMRC general membership meeting** at WaterSaver Faucet Co. in Chicago.

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## Info Bytes

The Future of Manufacturing 2020 and Beyond

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5 Future Jobs that Could Solve the Skills Gap

[Read the Article](#)

Manufacturing Trends for 2018: Watchlist

[Read the Blog](#)



### Chicago Southland Hiring Event

Thursday November, 30 2017 10am - 2pm

Chicago Heights Recreation Center, 1400 Chicago Road,  
Chicago Heights, IL

Call Jim Huh at 708-283-5020 for more info

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## CMRC General Membership Meeting

Thursday, December 14 2017

2-4PM panel discussion followed by a networking  
reception

Water Saver Faucet, 701 W Erie St, Chicago

RSVP to Georgia Lasio at [glasio@mfgren.org](mailto:glasio@mfgren.org)

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