



AMBAYArea to Convene Manufacturers Industry Experts Will Focus on Workforce, Supply Chain & More

OAKLAND, CA, April 24, 2018 – Bay Area manufacturers will gather for the [AMBAYArea Summit 2018](#) hosted by the Association of Manufacturers Bay Area (AMBAYArea), at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center Grand Ballroom on Thursday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“We, as the AMBAYArea Board of Directors and staff, are planning a highly collaborative Summit that will provide manufacturers with insightful speakers and valuable networking opportunities. The event will afford industry leaders a day to lean in with their peers on important issues to manufacturing in our region,” said James Gardner, AMBAYArea Executive Director.

“This is a manufacturing Summit planned by manufacturers, for manufacturers. We have brought together subject matter experts to drill into the topics that affect manufacturers’ day-to-day business operations. From lean production to supply chain, from taxes to robotics – there is an opportunity for everyone to walk away with knowledge and new contacts,” said Gene Russell, AMBAYArea Board Member and President and CEO of Manex, the Presenting Sponsor of the AMBAYArea Summit 2018.

The Manufacturing Institute’s Executive Director, Carolyn Lee will fly in from Washington D.C. to deliver the keynote address. Ms. Lee will detail The Manufacturing Institute’s programs and best practices, which are making a real difference to increase the talent pipeline across the country and here in the Bay Area. Jose Corona, Director of Equity & Strategic Partnerships for the Office of Mayor Libby Schaaf, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Industry experts will lead engaging breakout sessions: *Collaborative Robots: Implementing New Technology* presented by Raminder Sandhu, Advanced Robotics & Automation Practice Lead at CMTC; *Supply Chain: What is Your Weakest Link?* presented by Hannah Kain, ALOM CEO & 2018 Supply Chain Pro to Know; *Tax Cuts & Jobs Act: Take Advantage Now* presented by Jarrett Warner, CPA and Senior Tax Manager at Sensiba San Filippo LLP; and *The Lean Revolution: Maximize Your Results* presented by Bill Browne, Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt and Director of Operations & Economic Development for Manex.

A Workforce Development Panel Discussion will feature leaders spanning the talent pipeline: Eduardo Nava, Manufacturing Technology Teacher at San Leandro High School; Louis Quindlen, Department Chair of Machine Technology of Laney Community College; Jon Fowkes, Co-Founder and Apprenticeship Development Lead, AMTAC, Inc.; Mackenzie O'Brien, EBMUD Plant Maintenance Mechanic; Stephen Baiter, Executive Director for Oakland Workforce Development Board; and Zeydi Gutierrez, Director of Operations for AB&I Foundry.

The meeting will conclude with a hosted happy hour from 3 to 5 p.m. sponsored by Opus Bank. Throughout the day, attendees will have the opportunity to visit exhibitor booths, hosted by local manufacturers and service providers. Sponsor opportunities are still available.

In addition to Manex, the AMBayArea Summit 2018 is supported by Opus Bank as the Happy Hour Sponsor; Gold Sponsors AB&I Foundry, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Wells Fargo and East Bay Works; and Silver Sponsors ALOM, Bay Area Community College Consortium (BACCC), California Bank of Commerce, Pinnacle Brokers Insurance Solutions LLC, Spicely Organics, Sensiba San Filippo LLP, Union Bank, Employment Training Panel (ETP), Contra Costa Economic Partnership (CCEP) and Women's Enterprise Business Council (WBEC) Pacific.

Manufacturers can purchase tickets to the AMBayArea Summit 2018 at ambayarea.org/summit2018. AMBayArea members are eligible for discounted tickets. For information about membership, visit ambayarea.org/membership.

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About AMBayArea

The Association of Manufacturers Bay Area (AMBayArea) is a trade group dedicated to addressing the daily challenges that Bay Area manufacturers face. AMBayArea formed in 2018 when East Bay Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (EBAMP) joined with East Bay Manufacturing Group (EBMG) to combine resources and focus efforts to ensure manufacturing thrives in the Bay Area. For more information about AMBayArea, visit AMBayArea.org. The AMBayArea Board of Directors consists of local manufacturing companies and industry partners: AB&I Foundry, Bishop-Wisecarver Corporation, Caffe Classico Foods, Spicely Organics, Varian Medical Systems, Dow Chemical Company, Bay Area Community Colleges, California Bank of Commerce, The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex), Heffernan Insurance Brokers, and Sensiba San Filippo LLP.

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