



## Manufacturing Matters

Updates from CT's Chief Manufacturing Officer, Paul Lavoie

On April 2nd, the Office of Manufacturing released *Make It Here 2030 – Reimagining Tomorrow: Preparing Today for the Future of Manufacturing*, Connecticut's plan to achieve full employment in the manufacturing sector by 2030.

The strategic plan will work to solve the talent and workforce issues in manufacturing. It's built with three goals in mind: developing talent, creating the climate for growth, and maximizing productivity.



[Download](#) the full plan.

## Manufacturing Innovation Fund (MIF)

### Recently Approved Programs

**GreenGain** is an energy efficiency program for small manufacturers. The program will be overseen by CT Green Bank and administered by the Connecticut Sustainable Business Council (CTSBC). It will provide training, mentoring, outreach, and a voucher program to help manufacturers find solutions to their most pressing problems.

**Inclusive Manufacturing Internship Pilot** is a unique internship program for people with disabilities, who are among the most underemployed group in the nation, yet, frequently the most reliable.



# INDUSTRY NEWS

## Hartford Top 10

According to new data released by LinkedIn, Hartford placed among the top ten fastest-growing job markets in the nation for entry-level roles. Manufacturing was ranked as Hartford's top industry for young workers.

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## \$1 Billion Boost

Electric Boat's submarine production received a \$1 billion boost thanks to a draft spending bill released by the U.S. House Armed Services Committee. This decision restores a second Virginia-class attack submarine to the fiscal 2025 defense budget.

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## Wind Power Progress

Revolution Wind has achieved its "steel in the water" milestone with the installation of the project's first turbine foundation. Revolution Wind, powered by Ørsted and Eversource, is an initiative that will provide 704 MWs of clean, affordable offshore wind power to Connecticut and Rhode Island.

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## MANUFACTURER SPOTLIGHT

**Company:**

**MF Tool & Design, LLC**

**Owner:**

**Matthew Formicola**

At just 22 years old, Matthew Formicola has already made big strides in the manufacturing industry. Starting as an apprentice at Cambridge Specialty in Berlin, he later opened his own machine shop, MF Tool & Design, LLC, at age 19, inviting his brother to join him in 2022. In March 2024, they set up shop in Berlin, proving the momentum their business already has. Matthew's entrepreneurial drive led him to

realize he wanted full control over his business, prompting him to gather resources independently and carve out his niche in the manufacturing world.

The brothers were recently featured in the CBIA Made in Connecticut series. They're a prime example of the opportunities that Connecticut manufacturing has to offer for high school graduates.