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## **OCTOBER 2 IS NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY**

Students, Parents, and Educators are Invited to Learn about Careers in Manufacturing Across the Dayton Region

**DAYTON, OHIO** – Manufacturing's biggest annual event, happening on October 2, helps students discover financially rewarding job opportunities. Over the next decade, 4.6 million manufacturing jobs will need to be filled in the U.S. The Dayton Region Manufacturers Association (DRMA) is joining the movement to fill the skills gap and inspire the future workforce by participating in this year's event.

This nationwide event, produced by the Manufacturing Institute and organized locally by DRMA, is designed to improve the public's knowledge and perception of manufacturing careers and their value to the economy. Manufacturing jobs in the Dayton region are vital to the local economy and workforce. More than 123,000 workers are employed at almost 2,600 companies across the region. The average annual income of U.S. manufacturing employees is \$87,185\frac{1}{2}.

This year's MFG Day celebration is virtual. Students, parents, educators, and the general public are invited to watch a variety of videos of local manufacturing companies to:

- Learn about the equipment, technologies, tools, challenges and innovations
- Learn what modern manufacturing facilities are really like
- Hear from owners and highly skilled technicians
- See what the companies located in our communities do and how they do it
- See what kinds of jobs are available in manufacturing
- Learn the skills and education needed to qualify for today's manufacturing jobs

Contact DRMA at <u>info@daytonrma.org</u> for more information or to get access to the MFG Day videos.

The Dayton Region Manufacturers Association (DRMA) provides programming, education, and peer-to-peer connectivity opportunities for members serving the aerospace, agricultural, medical, construction, defense and other markets. It represents over 200 manufacturers in the Dayton Region and has 400 member companies. Manufacturing in the Dayton Region employs over 123,000 workers earning \$8.8 billion in annual payroll. For more information about DRMA, visit <a href="https://www.DaytonRMA.org">www.DaytonRMA.org</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of Labor Statistics; 2018 data; includes pay and benefits