Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation

# Manufacturing Excellence Summit



Manufacturing
has led
national job
growth over
the past
decade.

2018: 623,700 jobs



2008: 432,900 jobs





### Manufacturing in Michigan

In the past decade, **190,800** manufacturing jobs have been created.



The manufacturing industry employs

623,700

in the state.

More than **11,386** manufacturing firms in operation today.



Michigan ranks **seventh** in the nation for total manufacturing output.



\$93.5
BILLION
ANNUALLY

Source: Michigan Manufacturers Association

Over the next decade, nearly 3½ million manufacturing jobs are projected to be needed, and 2 million are expected to go unfilled due to the skills gap.

Source: Michigan Manufacturers Association

### Manufacturing 7 the Future



Invest in demand-driven manufacturing training



Ensure job training programs deliver skills needed in the 21st century economy



Create a comprehensive education system that meets the technological needs of 21st century employers



Help to improve the image of manufacturing careers

Source: Michigan Manufacturers Association







## Manufacturing in Sault Ste. Marie



The Soo Locks handle **75,000,000 tons** of commerce annually.

One shipping freighter is equivalent to 3,000 freight trucks.

The Locks are #1 in economic significance out of 196 locks across the nation.



If the Locks ever shut down, 100% of North American auto production would halt and the national GDP would decrease by \$1.3 trillion dollars.



The Sault's rich manufacturing legacy, combined with the presence of the Soo Locks, has made the city an international hub for manufacturing and has made this industry central to the EDC's mission of ensuring economic prosperity both within city limits and beyond.







- Brings local manufacturing entities together to discuss the industry and share opportunities, issues, and concerns with the EDC.
- The Alliance also partners with local universities and colleges for joint training opportunities, networking, and the sharing of resources.



**Next meeting December 2019 (date TBD)** 

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