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To: All Utah Manufacturers

From: David Newman  
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Gear Up for Manufacturing  
September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>

Utah has enjoyed the lowest unemployment rate in the nation now for over a year. While this bodes well for the Utah economy as a whole, it does bring with it some challenges. Today the average age of a skilled machinist is approximately 50 years old! As many of these skilled tradesmen retire this places additional strain on an already tight labor market. The need for highly skilled manufacturing personnel from manual machinists, CNC machinists, and welders, to machine operators and production personnel has never been greater. There is an urgency to recruit, train, develop, and retain the new generations of highly skilled manufacturing personnel.

The manufacturing sector in Utah continues to be strong despite the national politics and fear of recession. Utah manufacturers provide goods that keep the economy moving and high paying jobs that provide for Utah families. There are high paying and rewarding careers in the manufacturing industry supporting a wide range of needs for our nation.

ResourceMFG will be co-sponsoring the Gear Up for Manufacturing Career Fair at the Davis County Fair Grounds, September 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is an extremely important event designed to attract young people to our industry and display our industries many talents and possibilities. We are expecting to have approximately 2000 high school age “future employees” participate in the is event. Please take some time to review the Gear Up for Manufacturing material and consider participating through sponsorships, tour sites, donations, and actual displays and educational activities. This is a great opportunity to showcase your company and the career potential in manufacturing. ResourceMFG is proud to be involved with this effort and serve Utah’s manufacturing community.

Please contact Kathy Barney or Liz Whitney at ResourceMFG at (801) 265-1999 to find out how you can get involved. Remember the future of our industry, our economy, and even our nation depends on attracting young, interested, and talented people to start their career in manufacturing. Get involved.....Its the right thing to do!

Thank You,  
David Newman