

# Capturing the Hearts & Minds of the Next Generation of Skilled Workers



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A Manufacturer's Best Practices

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So how do you go about capturing the hearts & minds of the next generation of skilled workers?

You START with manufacturers!







- Started Waukesha County Manufacturing Alliance after interviewing several CEOs
- Surveyed them for their business concerns
- Resulted in two focuses their business issues and their employment concerns
- Created a Manufacturing Alliance Steering Committee







## Waukesha County Manufacturing Alliance Steering Committee CEOs/Presidents

**Dickten Masch Plastics** 

DUECO, Inc./UELC

Ellison Technologies

**GE Energy Services** 

**GE** Healthcare

Generac Power Systems

**HUSCO** International

MetalTek International

**Quad/Graphics** 

Sentry Equipment

**SPX Transformer Solutions** 

Waukesha Foundry, Inc.

Waukesha Metal Products







#### **Business Issue Programs**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Faces of Manufacturing
- Best Practices in Lean Manufacturing
- Sustainability—reduce, reuse, recycle
- Access to Capital
- It's Time to Examine Your Bench Strength –
  a Manufacturer's Guide
- Patent Pending the Race to File









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#### **Employment Concerns**

- #1 Issue: Finding employees that would show up for work on time, every day, ready to work – drug free!
- #2 Issue: Finding next generation of skilled workers
- Our response: Connect manufacturers with educators through tours







#### **Tours Evolution**

- Superintendents/Principals/Curricula
- Guidance Counselors/Tech Ed/STEM
- PARENTS/STUDENTS
- Beta tour, June 2011
- Funding!
- Result: Schools2Skills<sup>TM</sup>







#### Schools2Skills<sup>TM</sup> Tours Overview

- Tour 2 manufacturers focus on career paths, opportunities at all education levels and salaries
- Tour job site focus on skilled trades, pathways & salaries
- Tour WCTC Engineering & Manufacturing focusing on educational opportunities
- Pre and post tour survey







#### Other ways to get manufacturers involved

- PLTW, STEM Forward, (anything STEM!)
- Lego League
- BOTS, Rube Goldberg, or FIRST Robotics Competitions
- Participate in a curriculum or steering committee
- Donate time, talent or treasure –
  GET INTO THE SCHOOLS!







#### Other Regional Involvements

- Talent Dividend Initiative
- Closing the Manufacturing Skills Gap

What was out there that could make a difference statewide?

NAM's Dream !t Do !t









## Dream!tDo!t®

Wisconsin Implementation Overview Collaborating for Success

#### National Dream It. Do It.

#### Purpose & Vision



- Purpose & Vision
  - Create awareness
  - Provide referral systems
  - Fill local manufacturing workforce needs
  - Make manufacturing a preferred career path

#### Dream It. Do it. Wisconsin





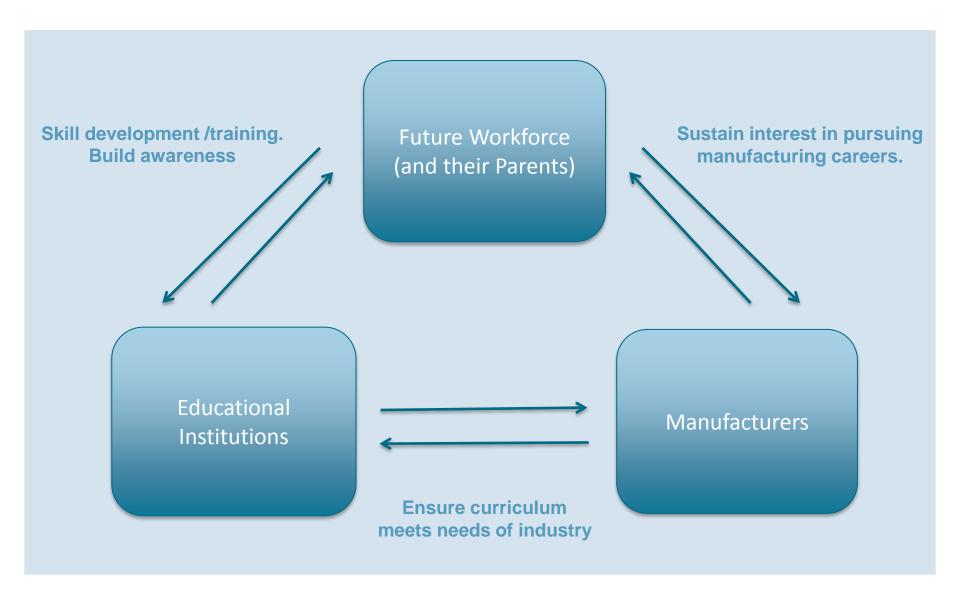
#### Progress & Next Steps



- Launching Website
- Manufacturing Ambassadors program
- "Dream Team"
  - Team of young people to building camaraderie, peer-topeer recruitment, input into activities and marketing plan
- Marketing Plan



#### Successful Program Implementation



#### **Ultimate Goal**



 Connect young people with educational opportunities and manufacturing careers

#### Positioning Manufacturers for Success



- Make it easy for recruits to find you
- Use your employees to speak your virtues
- Create a careers microsite
  - Use video and photography!
- Connect with community and educational programs
- Use PR and social media

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High School Student Tech/College Student Future Milacron Employee







Types of Careers Offered







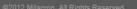
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MEET



She's advancing her career by taking advantage of training that she can apply right away on the job.









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## **Brief History of Sentry**

- Founded in 1924 as manufacturer of dairy processing equip.
- Sampling System Specialists for Gases, Liquids and Bulk Solids
- 100% Employee owned (ESOP)
- Over 13 years without a lost time accident
- 2009 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year
- (2010, 2011) 100 Best Workplaces
- Sentry is known worldwide for its engineering expertise, with installations in 50 states and over 55 foreign countries







#### Diverse Markets & Diverse Customers

#### **Major Markets**















- Refinery
- Chemical









Mining

































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### Sentry is...

- Not a huge manufacturer of mining equipment or medical imaging equipment; products are used in every state and in 55 countries.
- Not expecting a \$200 million defense contract but sales have nearly tripled in 6 years.
- Not needing 100 welders over the next year but has hired a new employee every month over the last 6 years (72 people)
- An employer with 160+ employees and faces all the challenges that a company 20 times its size has.

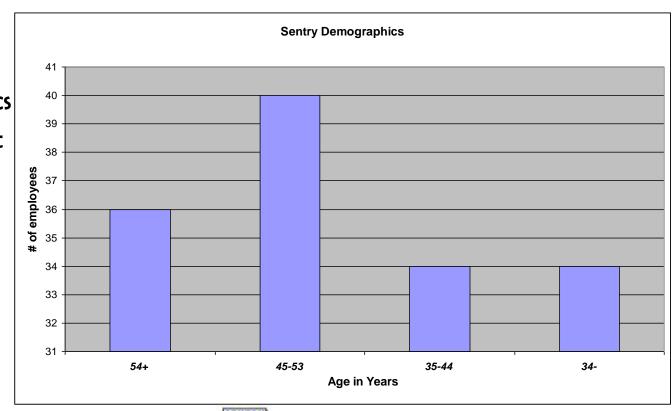






### Challenges We Face

- Workforce
  - Demographics
  - Development
  - Supply
- Technology
  - Computers in the shop
  - Processes









## Perceptions of Manufacturing

- National survey May 2009 commissioned by Deloitte
  - 52% Disagree Manufacturing jobs are higher paying than jobs in other industries
  - 20% (18-24 age group) think manufacturing jobs are clean and safe (13+years)
  - 3 out 5 people disagree The school system in my community encourages students to pursue careers in manufacturing?







## Is Manufacturing Important?

- 81% America's manufacturing base is important to our standard of living
- 68% important to our national security
- If you could create 1000 new jobs in your community, what type of facility would you support?
  - Manufacturing #1 (\$20.00+/hr.)







## What can you do??????

- Get involved with your local business chambers & trade organizations
  - Waukesha County Business Alliance (County Chamber)
  - Waukesha County Manufacturing Alliance
  - Oconomowoc Chamber of Commerce
  - SME Society of Manufacturing Engineers
  - LBE City of Oconomowoc Utilities







### What can you do??????

- Get involved with the educational institutions and offerings in your area
  - Waukesha County Technical College
    - Training
    - Apprenticeships
  - Marquette University
    - Engineering Co-op (9 students)
    - 3 hired fulltime after graduation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Partnership
    - 5 students (area high schools)
  - Local High Schools
    - Apprenticeships/Internships
    - Tours







### What can you do??????

- Get involved within your community
  - FIRST Robotics (Oconomowoc H.S.)
  - Project Lead the Way (Brookfield Central H.S.)
  - STEM Forward
  - School 2 Skills
  - Volunteer Donate Raise awareness of your company in your community

When you interview your recruit. Do you have a story to tell?







#### Thank you for this opportunity

#### Any Questions?









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