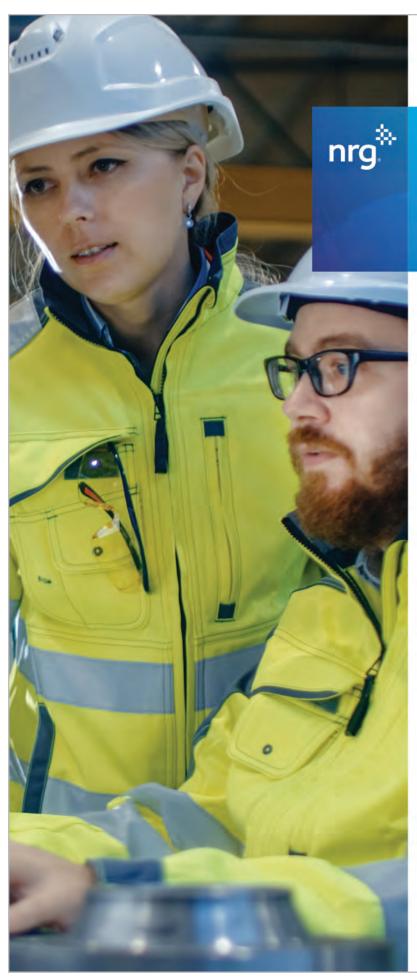


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DEAR READER

Welcome to the Spring 2025 Edition of HV Mfg, the Council of Industry's magazine by, for and about Hudson Valley manufacturers.

lot has changed in the 6 months since the Fall edition of this magazine was published in October and manufacturing has been at the center of most of it. That change has come in many forms – technology, tax and regulatory policy and – most significantly trade policy. Hudson Valley manufacturers build things right here to sell around the world, generating wealth for our community. The high costs of new tariffs threaten supply chains, jobs, investments and, in turn, our ability to outcompete globally.

As of this printing, much remains unknown and the tariff landscape is shifting daily. What we do know is that Council of Industry members will face this challenge with the same grit, determination, intelligence, perseverance and hard work that they have faced dozens of challenges in the past. And, when the dust settles, Hudson Valley manufacturing will be stronger and remain a pre-eminent global player.

Our Spring edition, as always, profiles a Hudson Valley manufacturer and leader. Our manufacturing profile is of Peekskill's Sun Chemical. Sun is a worldwide leader in the development and production of 'effect pigments.' They put the color, the glitter and the glimmer in your cosmetics, plastic, paint and more. And, they have been doing it for more than a century right here in the Hudson Valley.

Our leader profile features Adam Bosch, President of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress. "Pattern" is a nonprofit organization that provides objective research, planning and educational training throughout the region. Pattern's work comes from a considerable foundation of facts and experience and it is without political aims or affiliations. Adam talks about Pattern's work, the organization's 60th anniversary this year and how his experiences – including his time and training as a Journalist – has influenced his leadership of Pattern.

Other articles look at some of the challenges manufacturers face as we enter this new era of global trade and explore some tools to help you succeed. We start with a look at the tariffs themselves. Mark Henry, John Giordano and Omar Brown from Citrin Cooperman Advisors LLC write about the potential economic impact of tariffs and what strategies manufacturers can employ to both minimize their risks and maximize their potential.

One way to minimize your risks is through supply chain optimization. Giovani Rivera and John Wochinger with PKF O'Conner Davies share how artificial intelligence (AI) can be employed to improve your supply chain costs and minimize your risks.

Not all challenges are not all related to trade. The last few months have seen a sea of changes in labor law regulations and their implementation. Tom McDonough, Principal at Jackson Lewis PC looks at the flurry of actions over the past few months and offers manufacturers tips on how to navigate the changes. Cybersecurity also remains an ongoing risk for manufacturers and Jason Fisch, President of Fisch Solutions, provides an overview of CMMC 2.0 – the framework for cybersecurity compliance that Defense Department contractors must implement, and a provides a guide to putting them in place.

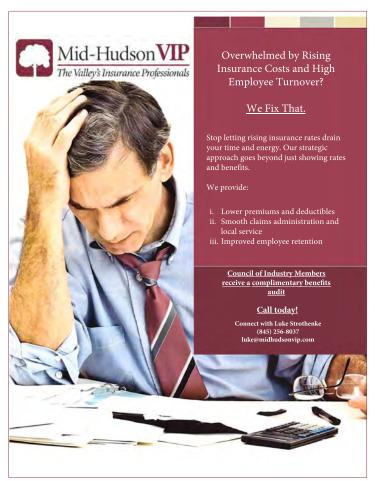
Of course, we have our regular Spring edition features including news briefs and our Member and Associate Member Directories.

Please also note the organizations who placed advertisements in HV Mfg. The Hudson Valley manufacturing sector ecosystem is strong and diverse including not only manufacturers, but banks and engineering firms, accounting firms and labor attorneys, educational institutions and equipment suppliers and so much more. Many of these organizations have placed ads in this magazine. I thank each of them for their generous support of the Council of Industry, this publication and manufacturers throughout the region.

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THE MANUFACTURING ECONOMY

Global Manufacturing Growth Remains Weak At End Of Opening Quarter

The global manufacturing sector ended the opening quarter of the year on a lackluster footing. At 50.3 in March, the J.P.Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI® – a composite index produced by J.P.Morgan and S&P Global Market Intelligence in association with ISM and IFPSM – was down from 50.6 in February and signalled only a slight improvement in overall operating conditions for the third month in a row. Global manufacturing output increased for the third successive month in March, although the rate of growth was the weakest during that sequence. Production rose in the consumer and intermediate goods industries but fell for the ninth time in the past ten months in the investment goods category.

Rising concerns about the geopolitical situation, high costs and possible disruption to world trade flows from tariffs all hurt business optimism in March. Confidence fell to a three- month low and eased across the consumer, intermediate and investment goods industries. Reduced optimism about the outlook was a major factor underlying an eighth successive month-on-month decrease in global manufacturing employment. Job losses in the euro area and the UK (among others) were only partly offset by increases in mainland China and Japan. No change was signalled in U.S. staffing levels.

NAM Outlook Survey: Trade Policies Shake Up Manufacturers' Economic Outlook

Manufacturers are increasingly worried about the future of trade and rising raw material costs, according to the Q1 2025 NAM Manufacturers' Outlook Survey. In the survey conducted from Feb. 11 to Feb. 28, trade uncertainties moved to the top of the list of manufacturers' concerns—with 76.2% of respondents citing them as their primary worry. Increased raw material costs came in second, cited by 62.3% of those surveyed.

- Manufacturers expect prices on their companies' product lines to go up by 3.6% in the next year, an increase from 2.3% in Q4 2024 and the highest since Q3 2022, when inflation was more than 8%.
- Manufacturers also anticipate the cost of raw materials and other inputs to rise 5.5% in the next year, the highest expected rate of increase since Q2 2022, when inflation was between 8% and 9%.
- Manufacturers foresee export sales to increase just 0.1% in the next year. That's the lowest anticipated rise since Q2 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The percentage of manufacturers with a positive outlook for their company inched down from the last quarter to 69.7% from 70.9%.

Manufacturers also feel strongly that their businesses need the "rocket fuel" of the tax reform extension. If Congress fails to extend pro-manufacturing provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017:

- 45.23% would delay hiring.
- 44.72% would pause operations expansions.
- 41.71% would limit R&D investment; and
- 40.20% would curb employee wages or benefits increases.

 NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons wrote in a social post
 Thursday: "We are calling for a comprehensive manufacturing
 strategy that includes a commonsense trade policy in addition
 to making President Trump's 2017 tax reforms permanent and
 more competitive, securing regulatory certainty, expediting
 permitting reform to unleash American energy dominance and key
 manufacturing projects and increasing the talent pool."

OECD: Trade War To Sap Global Growth

President Donald Trump's tariff hikes will drag down growth in Canada, Mexico and the United States while driving up inflation, the OECD forecast in March, cutting its global economic outlook and warning that a broader trade war would sap growth further. In the case of a generalized trade shock, not only will U.S. households pay a high direct price, but the likely economic slowdown will cost the United States more than the extra income the tariffs are supposed to generate, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development estimated in its interim outlook. Global growth is on course to slow slightly from 3.2% in 2024 to 3.1% in 2025 and 3.0% in 2026, the Paris-based policy forum said, cutting its projections from 3.3% for both this year and next in its previous economic outlook, issued in December.

The organization updated its forecasts assuming tariffs between the United States and its neighbors are raised an extra 25 percentage points on almost all goods imports from April. As a result, U.S. economic growth was seen slowing this year to 2.2% before losing more steam next year to only 1.6%, the OECD said, cutting its forecasts from 2.4% and 2.1% previously. But the Mexican economy would be hit hardest by the tariff hikes, contracting 1.3% this year and a further 0.6% next year instead of growing 1.2% and 1.6% as previously expected. Canada's growth rate would slow to 0.7% this year and next, well below the 2% previously forecast for both years.

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for the US Fell Further in February

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for the U.S. declined by 0.3% in February 2025 to 101.1 (2016=100), after a 0.2% decline (revised from –0.3%) in January. Overall, the LEI fell by 1.0% in the six-month period ending February 2025, less than half of its rate of decline of –2.1% over the previous six months (February–August 2024.) "The U.S. LEI fell again in

February and continues to point to headwinds ahead," said Justyna Zabinska-La Monica, Senior Manager, Business Cycle Indicators, at The Conference Board.

- Consumers' expectations of future business conditions turned more pessimistic. That was the component that weighed down most heavily on the Index in February.
- Manufacturing new orders, which improved in January, retreated and were the second largest negative contributor to the Index's monthly decline.
- On a positive note, the LEI's six-month and annual growth rates, while still negative, have remained on an upward trend since the end of 2023, suggesting that headwinds in the economy as of February may have moderated compared to last year.
- However, given substantial policy uncertainty and the notable pullback in consumer sentiment and spending since the beginning of the year, we currently forecast that real GDP growth in the U.S. will slow to around 2.0% in 2025."

Empire State Manufacturing Survey: Business Conditions 'Dropped Significantly' in March

Business activity dropped significantly in New York State in March, according to firms responding to the Empire State Manufacturing Survey. The headline general business conditions index fell twenty-six points to -20.0.

- The new orders index fell twenty-six points to -14.9,
- The shipments index fell twenty-three points to -8.5, indicating that both orders and shipments declined after increasing last month.
- The inventories index moved up five points to 13.3, its highest reading in more than two years, signaling that business inventories continued to expand.
- The index for number of employees held steady at -4.1, and the average workweek index was -2.5, pointing to a slight decline in both employment and hours worked.
- The prices paid index rose five points to 44.9, its highest level in more than two years,
- The prices received index rose three points to 22.4, its highest reading since May 2023.
- After dropping fifteen points last month, the index for future business activity fell another ten points to 12.7.
- Capital spending plans remained soft. Input price increases are expected to remain significant, and supply availability is expected to contract somewhat in the months ahead.

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH

NAM: President's Executive Order Strengthens U.S. Manufacturing by Accelerating Permitting and Unlocking Critical Resources

Following President Donald Trump's March 20, 2025 executive order to accelerate permitting and expand access to critical resources for manufacturing, National Association of Manufacturers President and CEO Jay Timmons released the following statement:

"For too long, red tape and burdensome regulations have stood in the way of the basic building blocks that power manufacturing in the United States, especially mining and processing the minerals manufacturers rely on to create jobs and dominate on the world stage. The administration is addressing those barriers, making it easier for manufacturers to access the resources we need to build the future in America.

"A comprehensive manufacturing strategy—one that cements America's position as the manufacturing superpower—depends on smart permitting reforms like the ones the administration is advancing. When manufacturers in the United States can invest with certainty, they plan, hire and win—and when manufacturers win, America wins. We look forward to continuing to work with his National Energy Dominance Council, under the leadership of Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum and Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, to Make America Great for Manufacturing Again."

OSHA Launches Severe Injury Report Dashboard

On September 4, OSHA unveiled an online tool giving users the ability to search its severe injury report database and view trends related to workplace injuries occurring in states covered by federal OSHA. The Severe Injury Report dashboard allows users to search and download data by year, industry, state, establishment name and Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System codes. The dashboard includes information on all severe injuries reported by employers covered under federal OSHA since 2015.

Federal law requires employers to notify OSHA of a work-related in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye within 24 hours of the incident. The agency's compliance assistance specialists and on-site consultations are available across the country and in U.S. territories to help employers. OSHA encourages workers and employers to use the dashboard to learn how severe injuries happen in their industries and use the agency's available resources to help prevent workplace injuries.

State Releases Initial Rules For Cap-And-Invest Program

March 19th, the Department of Environmental Conservation released long-awaited draft rules for how and when major companies would need to report their greenhouse gas emissions under the proposed cap-and-invest program. While the reporting rules aren't enough to get the program actually up and running, and don't set any standards for the emission caps that companies can hit before they must start buying carbon credits, environmental activists consider the release of the draft reporting rules a meaningful step forward in the process.

The new draft reporting rules would require companies to begin keeping track of their emissions in 2026, with the first reporting deadline coming in June 2027 for the previous year. The draft rules lay out which companies would be required to report emissions under the program. Those include facilities that produce at least 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, such as landfills and natural gas compression stations, suppliers of natural gas in the state, waste haulers and electric power plants. The public will have the opportunity to comment on the draft reporting rules between April 2 and July 1, and environmental advocates plan to actively engage during the open comment period.

EPA Reconsiders Dozens of Burdensome Regulations

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin said in a March press release and, Wall Street Journal op-ed, that he intends to take swift action to review and potentially rescind regulations that were hamstringing manufacturers and needlessly driving up costs across the board. The NAM in December called on President Trump to reverse the regulatory onslaught of the past four years. NAM-recommended actions included in yesterday's EPA announcement included reconsideration of the following:

- NAAQS for PM2.5: Last year, the Biden administration tightened the primary annual standard for particular matter—more commonly known as soot—to an untenable 9 micrograms per cubic meter from 12 micrograms per cubic meter. Manufacturers found to be in nonattainment of these standards will now be denied permits for new and expanded facilities.
- Power plant rules: The previous administration's emissions regulations on existing coal-fired and new natural gas—powered power plants include an unrealistic timeline for the widespread adoption of expensive, unproven new technology; this regulation threatens grid reliability and the ability of manufacturers to receive power for their operations.
- Vehicle regulations: Current regulations of light-, mediumand heavy-duty vehicles impose costly hardships on auto manufacturers.
- Waters of the United States: The last administration had made the scope of the Clean Water Act overly broad, resulting in high costs and even slowed permitting processes.

LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

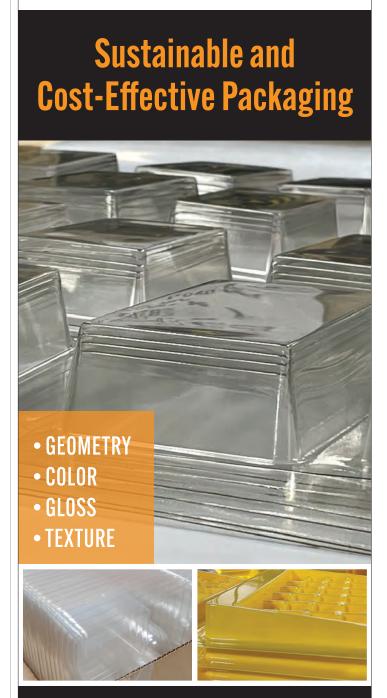
US Manufacturing Labor Productivity Barely Nudges Higher On Fewer Hours Worked. Overall Workforce Productivity Up 1.5% In Q4

U.S. labor productivity grew at a 1.5% annualized rate in the fourth quarter of 2024, an upward revision from the initial estimate of 1.2%, per data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For the full year, productivity increased 2.7%. Unit labor costs rose 2.2% in the fourth quarter, while hourly compensation climbed 3.8%.

Manufacturing sector labor productivity increased 0.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2024, as output decreased 1.3 percent and hours worked decreased 1.6 percent. In the durable manufacturing sector, productivity decreased 1.1 percent, reflecting a 3.2-percent decrease in output and a 2.1-percent decrease in hours worked. Nondurable manufacturing sector productivity increased 1.4 percent, as output increased 0.6 percent and hours worked decreased 0.8 percent. Total manufacturing sector productivity increased 0.4 percent from the same quarter a year ago.

Unit labor costs in the total manufacturing sector increased 3.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2024, reflecting a 4.0-percent increase in hourly compensation and a 0.3-percent increase in productivity. Manufacturing unit labor costs increased 2.0 percent from the same quarter a year ago. Manufacturing sector labor productivity has grown at an annualized rate of





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0.3 percent during the current business cycle, as output was unchanged (0.0 percent) and hours have declined 0.3 percent. The 0.3-percent annualized rate of productivity growth in the current business cycle thus far is above the 0.1-percent rate of the previous business cycle from the fourth quarter of 2007 through the fourth quarter of 2019 and is below the long-term rate of 2.1 percent since the first quarter of 1987.

Only Half Of Employees Say They Are Paid Fairly

Only 54% of employees believe they are paid fairly and 39% believe their company's pay rates are below industry norms, prompting renewed questions about pay equity and transparency, according to a survey of 1,878 U.S. and UK employees conducted by compensation platform begom. Women were less confident about their compensation, with only 49% saying they are fairly compensated compared with 59% of men. Meanwhile, less than half of employees said their salary was adjusted to match inflation last year, and about one-third of survey respondents said new hires at their company are making more than tenured employees.

Sixty-two percent of employees said they don't know how their total compensation is calculated, and 46% said lack of transparency about pay is a top issue for them at work. Employees overwhelmingly support initiatives like equal opportunities for career growth (78%) and fostering inclusive leadership (67%), the survey found. More than half of employees said their employer shared DE&I goals, but only 38% received updates on progress in 2024.

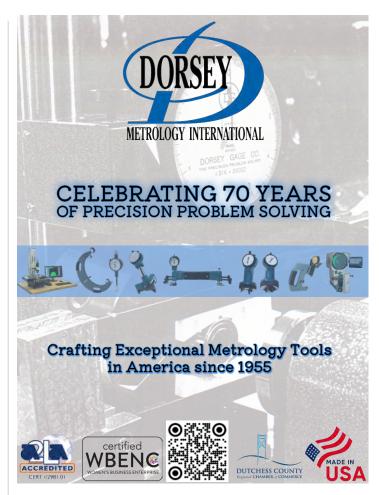
Five Years On: How Covid Changed The Workplace

Do you remember where you were on March 11, 2020? Five years ago today, the World Health Organization declared Covid-19 a pandemic, sending workers home from the office and shuttering businesses worldwide. Since then, we've experienced a shifting job market, expectations and locations. What began as an employee-friendly job market amid "The Great Resignation" has turned into one where employers are holding the purse strings and workers are feeling as unmotivated as ever.

This uncertainty has led to the rise of "The Great Detachment," what experts are calling this period of falling employee engagement, satisfaction and choice. At its core is "the manager squeeze," says Jim Harter, chief scientist of workplace management and well-being at Gallup, who just published an analysis of the last five years. "How people are managed on a daily basis is more important" than hybrid work policies, he says. "The role of first leadership is saying 'here's the culture that we want, and here's how our practices are going to reinforce that culture that we want,' and then to articulate it in a way that's clear to employees." But how to do that when many folks have been forced to do more with less?

Hudson Valley Job Count Bumped Higher in February, Manufacturing Up by 500

Over the past year, the private sector job count in the Hudson Valley rose by 6,800, or 0.8 percent, to 817,500 in February 2025. The greatest gains were in private education and health services (+3,400), leisure and hospitality (+2,900), professional and business services (+2,000), trade, transportation and utilities







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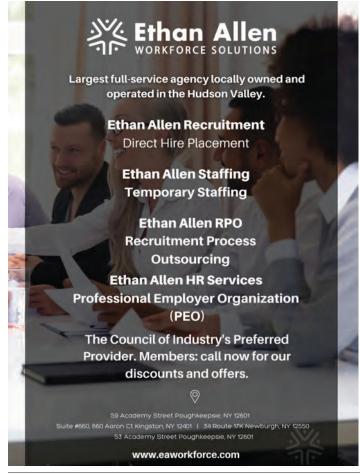


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(+1,600), financial activities (+600), other services (+200). Losses occurred in mining, logging and construction (-3,200) and information (-1,200).

- Manufacturing employment in the Valley increased by 500 to 41,000 in February 2025 from 40,400 in January and 40,500 in February 2024.
- Statewide Manufacturing employment increased by 300 to 410,900 in February 2025 from 410,600 in January but declined by 2,900 from February 2024.
- Nationally Manufacturing employment increased by 37,000 to 12,711,000 in February 2025 from 12,674,000 in January but declined by 89,000 from February 2024.

Immigration Accounts for Entire U.S. Population Growth for First Time: Survey

For the first time since records began, immigration was the sole driver of the United States' population growth in a single year, a new study said. The nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute (MPI) looked at U.S. Census Bureau data for 2022-2023, the latest available, finding that falling American birthrates factored into the change. The U.S. immigrant population grew by 1.6 million between 2022 and 2023 to 47.8 million, according to the MPI analysis, with immigrants now representing a 14.3 percent share of the overall population — the highest ever.

In 2023, birth rates among American women reached a record low for those aged between 20 and 24, while the rate also dropped overall for the larger group of 20-39 year olds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The findings come at a time when immigration, particularly illegal immigration, is a key focus of the current White House administration. While plans for mass deportations are being carried out, the other obstacle — a collapsing fertility rate — has been far more vexing for officials, both in the U.S. and other developed nations suffering from the same dynamic.

Agentic Al Could Boost Busy Employees' Morale

Josh Bersin, a prominent HR technology analyst, describes agentic AI as the next wave of artificial intelligence. He says these digital teammates can autonomously handle tasks: "Instead of just answering questions and composing poetry, they're now able to 'do things' on our behalf," writes Bersin. Like human employees, they require onboarding, training and governance to ensure effectiveness and security. "These agents will actually belong in the organization chart," according to Bersin. "And our job will be to manage them, make sure they're safe and watch over their security."

A 2024 Asana report revealed that 54% of knowledge workers' time is spent on busy work—repetitive administrative tasks that AI agents can automate. Agents also show promise for leadership teams—HR Executive's recent What's Keeping HR Up at Night? survey found that administrative and operational tasks were the number one area where HR leaders report spending their time. Automating tasks like meeting notes and status updates—which can consume at least half a day per week—not only saves time but also alleviates the "tax on morale" these activities impose.

LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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TRADE STRATEGIES

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HOW NEW TARIFFS ON MEXICO, CANADA, AND CHINA COULD RESHAPE U.S. MANUFACTURERS

The first 100 days for any president are typically the most crucial. This timeframe is closely observed to see which campaign trail initiatives start to take shape. One of the policies that manufacturing and distribution business owners are closely monitoring is President Donald Trump's position on tariffs, primarily related to Mexico, Canada and China.

The president did not waste any time moving forward with his tariff initiative at the beginning of his term. In early March 2025, President Trump announced tariffs for both Mexico and Canada. Soon after, Trump postponed the 25% tariff on most goods from Mexico for at least another month. Even with the off-again, on-again implementation of these tariffs, manufacturing and distribution businesses must have a plan in place, lest these tariffs are here for good.



With trade policies shifting, manufacturers and business leaders must assess how these tariffs could reshape supply chains, costs, and profitability in the near future.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF U.S. TARIFF INCREASES

In 2024, the United States imported \$377 billion worth of products from Canada, including mineral fuels, oil, vehicles, machinery and plastics. Meanwhile, the U.S. imported \$466 billion worth of goods from Mexico, including cars, computers, crude petroleum and motor vehicle parts and accessories.

Imposing tariffs strains the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which replaced NAFTA and aims to promote free trade between the three nations, but would help rebalance the scales of trade with the United States.

The impact on manufacturers, distributors, logistics companies and consumers could be felt almost immediately. This tariff would

logically lead to higher prices for goods. Higher prices reduce disposable income, making consumers more cautious spenders, which could affect corporate sales.

On the contrary, if actions are taken to prevent inflation further and refrain from passing off the costs to the end user customer, costs throughout the supply chain would be absorbed, impacting corporate profitability. Ultimately, manufacturers and distributors will most likely be immediately impacted regarding overall profitability, whether reduced sales or increased absorbed costs.

During his first term, the president did not mince words when he wanted to divest the U.S.'s dependence on China, not only in an attempt to bring manufacturing back to the United States but also to improve the grave trade imbalance.

China is one of the U.S.' major suppliers of advanced technology products like semiconductors, solar cells, lithium-ion batteries and parts, alongside other textiles, machinery, toys, etc.

Currently, the **U.S. imposes a 50% tariff** on many Chinese products. President Trump has signed an order to raise this tariff by **an additional 10%**, bringing the total to 60% on these

products. While he also promised to reduce interest rates during his campaign, imposing this tariff would likely prevent the Federal Reserve from lowering rates.

"If we get 60% tariffs on Chinese goods, the [Federal Reserve] will not reduce interest rates in 2025," says **Dr. Anirban Basu**, **Chairman and CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc.** Sustained interest rates would likely result in higher borrowing costs for businesses that need loans to alter their supply chains, stockpile goods or purchase new equipment.

Similar to Mexico and Canada tariffs, the tariff increase on China would raise costs for manufacturers and distributors. Importing raw materials at higher prices would drive up production costs, straining finances throughout the supply chain.

As opposed to being a negotiating tactic like those with Mexico and Canada, many believe China tariffs are meant to be punitive and will not be subject to the same leniencies.

Beyond higher costs from multiple border crossings, tariffs will slow shipments due to additional customs inspections, paperwork, etc. Many businesses, as well as automakers, use justin-time manufacturing, and minor delays can disrupt production. The automotive manufacturing sector, as well as companies who manufacture the parts that go into these vehicles, will also be hit the hardest from tariffs on imports. Repair costs can rise as automotive parts become more expensive. Many dealership repair shops import parts from Mexico, Canada, and China, especially European and

Asian vehicles. Tariffs will increase the cost of these parts, leading companies to charge higher prices for repairs.

There is the additional opportunity for domestically produced parts to be affected. U.S. manufacturers often import steel and aluminum for production, and tariffs on these materials will increase manufacturing costs, making American-made components more expensive. In early March, President Trump increased the tariffs on aluminum and steel an additional 25%, in response to Canada adding a surcharge of 25% to electricity provided to certain U.S. states. This trade war can be unpredictable as the laws regarding tariffs are consistently fluctuating.

HOW MANUFACTURERS CAN PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL TARIFF INCREASES

While many professionals believe President Trump's threats are a tactic to pressure trading partners into making concessions, as shown by the temporary halting of the tariff enforcement with Mexico to April 2025, business owners need to prepare a contingency plan to prevent disruptions in their operations due to the new tariffs.

We are all watching events carefully. "A lot of firms are in a wait-and-see mode for now until the policies actually get enacted," says Harper Garret, Director, Transaction Advisory Services at Citrin Cooperman.

However, we firmly believe this should be a call to action for companies to continuously evaluate their foreign trade exposure and



look to not only diversify but also plan to mitigate and remediate on a more consistent basis. Whether it be improved demand planning, exploring foreign trade zones, tariff engineering or HTS alterations, companies should be taking a more proactive approach. Our Manufacturing and Distribution Industry Practice is here to provide recommendations on how to act or specific guidance tailored to your business and industry. To discuss the current tariff landscape for manufacturers, please contact your Citrin Cooperman representative.

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INVESTING IN INTERNS: BUILDING YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE



n today's manufacturing landscape, finding and retaining skilled talent is one of the greatest challenges facing employers. As experienced workers retire and competition for the next generation of employees heats up, many Hudson Valley manufacturers are turning to an often underutilized strategy: internships.

Internships are far more than a short-term solution to a summer staffing shortage. For manufacturers who take the time to structure thoughtful, engaging programs, they can be the start of something much bigger. They create opportunities to build relationships with promising students, introduce them to rewarding careers in manufacturing and develop the skills and knowledge your workforce needs to thrive. In many cases, today's intern becomes tomorrow's full-time hire—and potentially a key part of your team for years to come.

Manufacturers like IBM, Zierick Manufacturing, Sono-Tek, JBT and UAP have seen firsthand the difference a successful internship program can make. Whether they're partnering with local high schools and colleges, offering hands-on learning experiences in advanced manufacturing, or supporting interns as they balance work and education, these companies understand that internships are an investment in their future workforce.

Even as this year's class of interns is already gearing up for summer opportunities or preparing to graduate, now is the perfect time to plan or expand your future internship program. In this article, we'll explore what makes a successful internship, share lessons learned from companies who are doing it right and highlight how manufacturers across the Hudson Valley are building their talent pipelines—one intern at a time.

LESSONS FROM THE FACTORY FLOOR

Internships aren't one-size-fits-all, and there's no universal playbook for getting them right. A program at Central Hudson or IBM—will naturally look different from the experience a small- to mid-sized manufacturer can offer. But that doesn't make it any less valuable.

In fact, many Hudson Valley manufacturers have found that a smaller, more personalized internship can have an even greater impact. With fewer layers and more direct access to leadership, interns often get a broader view of the business, more hands-on experience, and a stronger sense of how their work makes a difference.

Whether they bring on one intern a year or several each season, manufacturers who have made internships part of their workforce strategy share a common theme: success comes from being intentional, flexible, and willing to invest time upfront. The result? Interns who add real value to the business—and often return as long-term employees.

START EARLY-AND PLAN WITH PURPOSE

The best internship programs don't happen by accident. They're the result of thoughtful planning, clear expectations and early action.

At Zierick Manufacturing, planning for interns begins months in advance. "We identify projects ahead of time and map out where each

Success comes from being intentional, flexible and willing to invest time upfront.



"It's about building relationships early, by the time we're ready to recruit in the second semester, students already know who we are and what we offer."



Jason Del Giudice a Pine Bush High School student.

intern will rotate or focus," says Joe Turcott, Vice President and CFO. "This makes the experience more meaningful for everyone." Zierick finalizes internship placements by April, ensuring there's time to prepare meaningful work and proper support.

At IBM Poughkeepsie, Supply Chain Engineering and Manufacturing internship planning begins with an assessment of business needs. "We work closely with managers and technical leads to identify teams that would benefit from the additional talent of an intern, with the aim of converting successful interns into full time IBMers after graduation, says John Maresca, Program Director, SC Global Business Operations. "Our goal is to provide meaningful projects tailored to the strengths and interests of the selected intern."

At UAP, internships are crafted with the same level of care as their art manufacturing projects. Gilbert Guaring, Global Head of Marketing, explains that his team reviews each intern's background and interests before choreographing a rotating schedule that aligns with their skills and goals.

PROVIDE REAL-WORLD, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Students are looking for internships that will teach them something valuable, not just fill time. Companies that offer

meaningful hands-on experiences see better engagement—and better results.

At Sono-Tek, interns are placed based on both the company's needs and the students' interests. "We focus on providing meaningful, hands-on experiences," says Randy Copeman, Chief Technologist, Sono-Tek. "Never internships just for the sake of having them." Interns are paired with department mentors and management mentors, working side by side with full-time employees.

John Nolis, Operations Manager at JBT says internship rotation offers a 360-degree view of their operations. Interns spend time in field service, engineering, inventory and operations. "We want them to understand how everything works together—and why," says Nolis. By experiencing different parts of the company, interns get a broad education and discover where they can make the biggest impact.

At UAP, interns shadow expert team members in departments like Sand Molding and Finishing. Guaring recalls a young sculptor who became enthralled with sand molding techniques during his rotation. "He told us he wants to come back and work in that area after graduation," Guaring says. "That's what we hope for—to inspire them to see a future here."

PROVIDE MENTORSHIP AND CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

The best internships balance support with accountability. Interns need guidance to succeed—but they also need to understand what's expected of them.

Zierick looks for interns with strong communication skills, good attendance, and a willingness to learn. "One of the biggest things we've noticed is that interns often hesitate to ask for help," says Turcott. "We try to create an environment where they feel comfortable speaking up, but we also make it clear they need to meet our expectations."

At Sono-Tek, each intern is paired with mentors who provide both technical and personal support. The company's structured training programs ensure interns are set up for success from day one. "It's about giving them the tools to succeed, but also the responsibility to perform," says Copeman.

UAP treats interns like regular employees, with full onboarding and safety training. "We want to inspire the next generation, but they have to bring dedication, curiosity and courage," says Guaring. "This is real work and we treat it that way."

BUILD LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS, NOT ONE-OFF EXPERIENCES

The most successful internship programs are pipelines, not pit stops. Many Hudson Valley manufacturers view their interns as future employees—and they cultivate relationships accordingly.

Zierick Manufacturing often hires interns back during holidays and summer breaks, supporting them as they pursue two- and four-year degrees. JBT has a track record of retaining interns from SUNY Delhi, with 11 interns hired over the last decade—and none have left. "They're critical to our organization," says Nolis. "They become instrumental in what we do."

"Joe Scaglione's journey with IBM began in high school, interning at our Poughkeepsie manufacturing facility," says Maresca. "He completed four summer internships while studying engineering at RPI, gaining hands-on experience across teams. Today, he's a key part of our Manufacturing Engineering team. His success is a testament to what's possible when we invest early in future talent."

For many employers, the idea of starting these relationships can feel daunting—but it doesn't have to be. Building connections with schools, colleges, and potential interns doesn't require a huge



Adam Carlock started as an intern and has found a home in the manufacturing sector.

investment of time or resources. In fact, many manufacturers build direct relationships with educators, guidance counselors and workforce programs to connect with students and promote career opportunities. Teachers and career counselors are often eager to work with industry partners; they just don't always know how to

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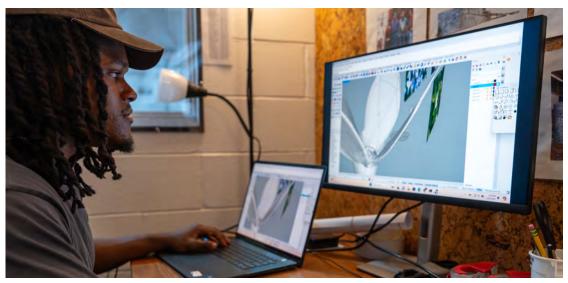


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make the first connection but as more employers open their doors to interns, high schools and colleges are responding by building the infrastructure and support needed to expand experiential learning. Schools like Ulster BOCES and SUNY have prioritized these efforts, with Chancellor John B. King, Jr. stating, "Internships and hands-on learning experiences are essential to prepare students for success after graduation. We are committed to expanding these opportunities across the SUNY system."

NATIONAL TRENDS CONFIRM WHAT LOCAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE LEARNED

The value of internships isn't just anecdotal—national data backs up what Hudson Valley manufacturers see every day. Internships continue to prove their value as an effective way to build a future workforce. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), 53% of interns were converted into full-time hires during the 2022–2023 period. While this is a slight dip from 58% the previous year—largely due to fewer offers being extended—the data underscores the critical role internships play in workforce development. Nearly 80% of employers also reported plans to maintain or increase their internship and co-op programs, reflecting a broad commitment as a strategic tool for recruiting and hiring the next generation of talent.

Here in the Hudson Valley, manufacturers are seeing similar results. Companies report better retention, smoother onboarding and stronger cultural fit among former interns who transition into full-time roles. Gilbert Guaring of UAP says their interns often envision long-term careers with the company. "By fostering a sense of belonging and providing hands-on experiences, we're building future employees," he explains.

A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT WORTH MAKING

Hudson Valley manufacturers know that building a strong workforce doesn't happen by chance. It takes a willingness to invest in the next generation. Internships offer a proven, practical way to do just that—providing students with meaningful experiences while helping companies develop future talent.

For manufacturers already engaged in internship programs, the payoff is clear: interns become trusted employees, ambassadors for the industry and often long-term contributors to their companies' success. Internships also allow both employers and students to assess cultural fit before making long-term decisions. When interns return during school breaks or accept full-time positions after graduation, companies save time and money on recruiting, onboarding and training. And by bringing in fresh ideas, updated skills and new perspectives from the classroom, interns can energize teams and add real value across the organization.

For those just beginning to explore internships, there are simple ways to get started—whether it's attending a career expo, reaching out to a local school or partnering with the Council of Industry.

These relationships don't need to be complicated or timeconsuming, but they do require attention. The good news? Once those connections are made, they're often easy to maintain, and the long-term benefits far outweigh the effort.

As today's manufacturing landscape continues to evolve, it's the companies that invest in people—whether through internships, apprenticeships or training programs—that will build the strongest teams for tomorrow. The next generation of skilled, dedicated manufacturing talent is already here. The question is: will they find a future with you?

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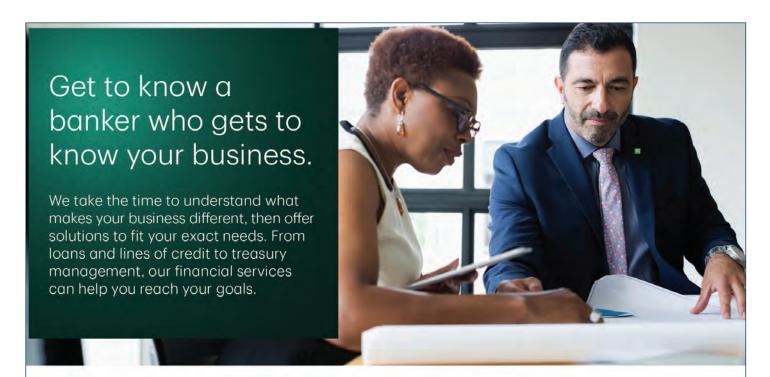
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DRIVING SOLUTIONS ON THE PRESSING ISSUES

Mfg sat down with Adam Bo with Adam Bosch, President & CEO of Pattern for Progress, to discuss his career path and the organization's role in shaping the Hudson Valley's future. With a background in journalism and public policy, Bosch has built a career on uncovering facts, translating complex issues into actionable insights, and driving solutions to some of the region's most pressing challenges.

At the helm of Pattern for Progress, he leads efforts to tackle housing, workforce development, infrastructure, and economic policy—connecting the dots between data and decision-makers. Bosch shares his journey from investigative reporting to regional leadership, why research alone isn't enough to drive change, and how Pattern's work is shaping a more sustainable and prosperous Hudson Valley.

This year, Pattern celebrates its 60th anniversary of advancing regional solutions. The Council of Industry is proud to have been a founding member of this vital organization and is happy to help celebrate its achievements past, present and future.



HV Mfg: Thanks for agreeing to speak with us – let's start with your background. Tell us a little about how you got to Pattern?

AB: I'll tell the longish version. My educational background is in engineering and journalism, but mostly in journalism. I worked as a journalist for almost 15 years—mostly locally, including at the Times Herald-Record and The New York Times in Albany. In 2012, I was looking to use those skills in a different context and that's how I came to Pattern for the first time. I was here for a single year as Vice President of Research. During that time, I worked on several reports, including an award-winning report on Rockland County's budget deficit and the first edition of Closed Schools, Open Minds.

HV Mfg: That's right, this role is almost full circle, where did you go after leaving Pattern in 2013.

AB: I went to work at the New York City water supply system for almost 10 years. I was their first public affairs and education director for the reservoir system north of the city. I spent a lot of time communicating with stakeholders and explaining the operational, protection and maintenance of the largest municipal water supply in the United States. It taught me how to make data-heavy subjects accessible to different audiences, whether that's government officials, businesses, or the general public. And that's exactly what we do at Pattern for Progress: gather data, analyze trends, and then communicate our findings in ways that help leaders and communities make informed decisions.

HV Mfg: How did you end up back at Pattern for Progress as CEO, and how has your background influenced your approach?

AB: When the former CEO announced he was leaving, I wasn't initially thinking about applying. But the day the news came out, I got five text messages from different people saying, "Hey, you'd be good at that—you should think about it." At first, I thought it was just a coincidence. But by the fourth or fifth message, I started digging into it.

Ultimately, I applied because of that encouragement. And when I reflected on why people thought I'd be a good fit, I realized it made perfect sense. The work Pattern does is very similar to what I did in journalism: find the facts, vet them thoroughly, package them in a way that's digestible, and present them in a way that moves people to act.

In journalism I learned that you can't go into a story with preconceived notions—you have to let the facts tell the story. We follow the data, vet it rigorously, and ensure that our recommendations are based on real evidence—not politics, not assumptions, and not what people want to hear, but what the facts support. That commitment to following the evidence—wherever it leads—is what makes Pattern's work so valuable to the region.

HV Mfg: How has the transition been?

AB: I'd say the transition has gone well. One of the first things I did was look back at Pattern's original articles of incorporation, which define its mission. They were written in a way that still holds up today—conducting research on regional challenges, doing that research without political aims or affiliations and promoting regional, countywide and local planning to improve quality of life. Our job now is to take those principles and apply them to today's challenges, whether that's housing, infrastructure, transportation or economic development.

I've focused on making sure our research is timely, relevant, and actionable. That means not just publishing reports but also following up—talking to policymakers, engaging with communities, and making sure that our research points toward real actions. For example, our housing reports have influenced local and state discussions, and our research on water infrastructure has pushed funding efforts forward.

HV Mfg: You've said that getting information out there in a meaningful way takes more than just a well-written report or an email blast. Can you elaborate on that?



Pattern CEO Adam Bosch (left) sat for a discussion with New York City Planning Commissioner Dan Garodnick to discuss functional partnerships between the Hudson Valley and New York City on economic development, transportation, food and agriculture, and other key regional topics.



Along with its regional planning and research projects, Pattern often hosts regional conversations about key issues affecting the Hudson Valley. Civic leaders from across the region attended this one at Marist University in Poughkeepsie to learn about emerging partnerships between New York City and the Hudson Valley.

AB: Absolutely. I burn a lot of tire rubber and shoe leather because simply publishing a report isn't enough. I don't want to offend anyone, but the reality is that people don't read the way they used to. They're bombarded with information from all directions, in every format imaginable. We could put out the most well-researched, well-written 40-page report, but that alone isn't what starts conversations or drives change.

What moves the needle is direct engagement—getting in front of the right people and having meaningful conversations. When I can explain the research in a way that resonates with their real-world challenges, that's when they start to engage.

That said, the research still plays a critical role—it's the foundation for everything. The report itself may not be the catalyst, but it gives us the substance we need to craft compelling presentations and frame discussions in a way that makes the issue feel real and urgent. Once we've captured their interest and shown them why it matters, then people will go back to the report, dig deeper, and appreciate the detail.

HV Mfg: How has Pattern's research changed over time.

AB: Like I said earlier, Pattern was founded with three main objectives and those objectives still hold true today. Specific topics might change—transportation in the past might have meant Stewart Airport and Metro-North, while today it includes electric vehicles and microtransit. Housing discussions used to be about sprawl, but now they're about affordability and walkability. The core mission stays the same, but how we apply it evolves with the times.

The work we do is driven by what I call a **spirit of service**—not just acting as a think tank that collects and publishes information, but as a true partner in turning research into action.

HV Mfg: I love that and know it to be true, but that can't be easy, how do you approach that?

AB: A big part of that approach is captured in the phrase "Talk with you, not at you." That idea actually comes from something I used to hear on ESPN Radio back in the late '90s and that always stuck with me because it reflects the kind of communication I value—engaging people in conversation rather than just broadcasting information at them.

For example, we recently completed a study on childcare challenges in the region. Instead of just publishing it and moving on, we're actively meeting with policymakers and stakeholders and helping them think through solutions. We are talking with them, not at them.

HV Mfg: In what other ways does Pattern for Progress intersect with manufacturing in the Hudson Valley?

AB: Manufacturing is deeply connected to several of the biggest

challenges we work on—workforce development, housing, infrastructure, and even childcare. If you want to have a successful business in this region, you need workers. But the reality is that the regional workforce is steadily shrinking due to socioeconomic and demographic trends. That leads directly to broader issues like where those employees will live, how they'll get to work, and whether they have access to the support systems that make working possible.

Take housing, for example. If we don't have a full spectrum of housing options across all income levels, then we won't have places for workers to live. It's not just apartments or single family homes – the real need is for a full range of options at different price points. Without that variety, we limit who can afford to live and work here, creating a direct workforce issue for manufacturers.

Infrastructure is another critical factor for manufacturers, both water and power. High-quality, reliable water is essential for everything from cooling systems to production processes. But that water is only available if the infrastructure to collect, treat, and deliver it is well-maintained. The same is true for power. Manufacturers depend on stable, consistent energy to keep their operations running efficiently. When either system is outdated or failing, production suffers. That's why we advocate for capital investment in infrastructure upgrades—because without reliable water and power, manufacturing can struggle.

HV Mfg: Absolutely. In addition to the partnership with the Council and our members, Pattern for Progress is known for bringing people and organizations together to solve regional challenges. Can you share an example of how you facilitate partnerships and drive collaboration?

AB: Sure. One example is transportation. Businesses in the region often struggle to fill jobs, not because people don't want to work,

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but because they can't get to locations that have job openings. Many potential employees don't have a driver's license, and our public transportation system isn't built to connect them to key employment hubs like iPARK, Legoland, Woodbury Common, or manufacturing companies.

That's why we're paying close attention to innovative solutions like the on-demand microtransit system that Putnam County is piloting. The new form of public transit will likely be more efficient and effective than traditional fixed-route bus systems. Our job is to connect the dots—to highlight solutions that are already working in one part of the region and help other communities see how they could adapt them to meet their own needs.

HV Mfg: Speaking of workforce and workforce challenges, you've mentioned that young adults face a lot of pressure about career pathways, what advice do you have for students or graduates looking ahead?

AB: I taught at SUNY New Paltz for about 10 years, mostly juniors in their first year of major coursework in journalism. My class was investigative reporting, which was one of the more intensive courses. The class required students to go out and interview people—so it was a big shift from classroom learning to journalism fieldwork. I saw firsthand that many students reached that point in their major and realized they didn't actually want to do it. Every semester, I had students come to me—sometimes in full panic mode—saying, "Being in this class made me realize I don't want to be a journalist. But now I feel like it's too late to change paths."

HV MFG: We hear that all the time, there's a lot of pressure on students, what was your advice?

AB: I told my students take a notebook, go down to the rail trail, take a walk, and when you find a bench, sit down and make two lists—a list of your talents and a list of your interests. Because they are not the same thing.

For example, I was talented at engineering, but I left engineering school because I wasn't that interested in it. On the flip side, I'm interested in basketball, but I'm not talented enough to play in the NBA. But somewhere at the intersection of your talents and your interests, there is a body of jobs. And those jobs are where you'll thrive—because they match what you're good at and what you love doing.

This advice really gave the students new energy and enthusiasm about their futures. They would come back with all kinds of new ideas for the careers and professions that they might want to pursue. Some of my students went on to careers totally outside journalism—nursing, politics, teaching—because someone helped them to think beyond the college path they chose when they were 17 years old. It's really unfair that we force young people to choose their careers so early, before we've made any reasonable attempt to expose them to the hundreds of options that might match their talents and interests.

HV MFG: We completely agree, sometimes the ability to change directions is critical. Tell me a little more about your leadership perspective – how do you approach your role at Pattern?

AB: For me, there's a little bit of an ethical bend to leadership. It means being responsible, fair, honest, thorough and accurate. More than anything, I try to do my work with a spirit of service and an open mind. Leadership is not about grand gestures; it's about showing up every day, doing the work, and acting in the way I'd want everyone to act, working in a way I'd want everyone to work – which means working hard and complaining very little.

HV Mfg: What kind of leadership behaviors do you try to model?

AB: I learned one of my earliest lessons in leadership during my first big newspaper job. If someone called in to criticize a story that we knew was factual, we had editors who wouldn't back down. Two in particular—Adrianne Reilly and Paul Brooks—stood out to me. If someone called to complain, they wouldn't brush it off or shift blame. Instead, they'd grab a notebook and say:

"Okay, let's go through every single fact in this story. Show me exactly where we got it wrong and provide me with evidence."

Most of the time, the person on the other end would freeze up, not expecting that level of accountability. They were upset that we found and reported the facts, and our editors were willing to stand up for work that was well reported and fact-checked. That experience taught me that leadership isn't about passing the buck—it's owning your work, standing behind your team, and being willing to defend it.

HV MFG: You've faced some personal challenges, including being a two-time cancer survivor. How has that experience shaped your perspective and leadership?

AB: I don't talk about it often, but I've battled cancer twice—first a blood cancer in college and then a rare cancerous tumor in my neck during my first few months as CEO at Pattern for Progress. Going through that changes how you see everything. It forces you to be responsible for your own outlook, to be honest about what you can and can't control, and to stay as fair and kind as possible, even on the hardest days.

More than anything, it reinforced what I already believed about leadership and life: work hard, don't complain, and stand by your decisions. When you're in a fight like that, you don't waste energy on excuses.

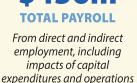
When I rang the bell after my final cancer treatment, it didn't feel like the finish line. It felt like the starting bell. Like an engine revving up. It was a reminder that you don't get unlimited time, so you better make the most of what you've got.

HV MFG: Thank you for sharing your story.

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As we look across various manufacturing functions, we find four that will greatly benefit from AI adoption: Quality Assurance, Inventory Management, Supplier Selection and Delivery Logistics.

1. QUALITY ASSURANCE: DETECT PRODUCT DEFECTS AND THEIR CAUSES

Detecting complex or even subtle product defects and identifying the root cause of a quality issue can be difficult to achieve by human inspection alone; AI technology can simplify this. Integrating AI embedded with algorithms such as machine- and deep-learning models into the quality assurance process can help streamline and expedite the detection of product errors and defects.

- Benefits: Allowing management to recognize quality issues earlier in production helps companies save resources and minimize costs associated with reworking or scrapping faulty products. Since AI systems can continuously learn and adapt to new data, their accuracy improves over time. By analyzing new and historical product defects, AI models can even help prevent future product failures.
- Examples of Use: The automotive industry is using deep learning algorithms such as convolutional neural networks (CNN) and advanced visions systems to identify aesthetic or structural problems with precision and improve the reliability and safety of new vehicles.

2. INVENTORY MANAGEMENT: OPTIMIZE LEVELS AND AVOID OBSOLESCENCE

Effectively managing inventory is a critical factor of profitability for manufacturers. Yet being able to match product types, features and quantities across markets and knowing in advance when to upgrade or sunset a product is tricky to balance. AI can provide the tools to help manufacturers optimize inventory levels and manage obsolescence. Machine-learning technology has been used for many years for predictive analysis to perform various functions in multiple sectors. The capability of identifying patterns in the datasets along with the built-in intelligence of deep-learning and neural networks is making the technology so powerful.

• Benefits: Utilizing machine-learning algorithms to analyze historical sales data and patterns, market trends and customer behavior helps accurately forecast future demand and identify products at risk of becoming obsolete. It allows businesses to take

proactive measures to reduce overstocking and related costs. The ability to view and track inventory levels along the supply chain at any given time provides enhanced visibility, allowing manufacturers to respond to disruptions more efficiently. Information collected from point-of-sale locations, customer reviews from various sources and social media posts can be analyzed using AI to gather



information that can generate alerts for demand changes due to various factors. Management can adjust their production levels by anticipating fluctuations in demand, such as panic buying, which in turn helps optimize warehouse capacity.

• Examples of Use: Amazon Forecast is an example of a fully managed service that uses statistical- and machine-learning algorithms to deliver time series forecasts. According to Amazon Web Services, More Retail Ltd. (MRL), one of India's top grocery retailers, used Amazon Forecast to increase its demand forecasting accuracy from 24% to 76%, reducing wastage by up to 30% in the fresh produce category.

3. SUPPLIER SELECTION: LET AI DATA DIRECT YOU TO THE BEST

Being able to objectively collect and compare key data sets across suppliers over time is invaluable to help select the best for your business. AI can help by analyzing supplier performance metrics such as delivery times, quality, past performance reviews and cost to objectively assess a supplier's reliability and consistency.

• Benefits: AI can provide a more comprehensive and accurate assessment of potential suppliers and match specific procurement

needs with the capabilities of potential suppliers, identifying those that best meet required specifications.

• Examples of Use: Use AI to identify potential risks associated with a supplier, such as financial instability, compliance issues or geopolitical concerns to help proactively mitigate.

4. DELIVERY LOGISTICS: PLAN SMARTER ROUTES

Inefficient delivery routes cause a myriad of problems for manufacturers that can increase

travel time/cost for delivery staff, vehicle fuel consumption and delivery times to customers. AI can be used to optimize delivery logistics by enabling smarter route planning designed to reduce travel/delivery times, consumption and cost.

• Benefits: Route optimization software and AI-powered GPS tools can optimize delivery logistics by creating the most efficient



routes for fleets depending on road conditions and other factors. The technology has multiple levels of complex features and algorithms that are implemented within AI models for various tasks.

• Examples of Use: Algorithms such as ant colony optimization, dynamic programming, deep reinforcement learning, logistic regression and K-means clustering are used for classifying, understanding volume and regulating inventory logistics. Gradient



Integrating AI into normal operations is a cost-effective solution that improves operating efficiency.

boosted machines are used for ranking and prioritizing shipments by learning complex interactions between features and other analyses involving sales volumes, customer value to the company, contractual requirements and product availability. Time series forecasting, polynomial regression and recurrent neural networks are used for predicting deliveries, distance or consumption based on multiple parameters.

LET AI DO ITS JOB. FREE YOUR COMPANY TO STRATEGIZE AND INNOVATE

As AI continues to evolve, manufacturing companies will have the opportunity to capitalize on its many benefits. Integrating AI into normal operations is a cost-effective solution that improves operating efficiency, enhances contract review, optimizes inventory levels and allows management to redirect labor resources to other critical areas.

Contact Us. Our specialists at PKF O'Connor Davies can help your company review its current operations, identify the AI technology that makes the most sense and design an appropriate implementation plan. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact our client service team.

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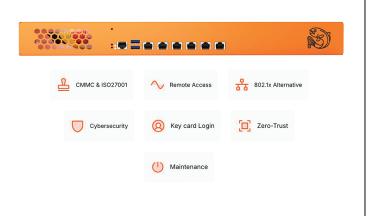
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A WORLD OF COLOR: EFFECT PIGMENT INNOVATION



Sun Chemicals portfolio offers exciting ranges of pearlescent color options for their customers. Pictured above is a glimpse of several products the Sun Chemical Peekskill site has to offer to service the Automotive, Cosmetic and Industrial markets.



e often say that the manufacturing sector in the Hudson Valley is rich and diverse. Firms in our region produce a wide range of products – from the familiar like semiconductors, mainframe computers and bakery supplies – to the less familiar such as wax room equipment, pneumatic seals and ferrite cores.



Sun Chemical Peekskill Site Leadership Team. Front Left: Dave Roberts, Operations Manager, Front Center: Gary Hutchison, Site Director, Front Right: Geoff English, Operational Excellence Coordinator, Back Left: Bill Dolack, Site Controller, Back Right: Ben Pells, Quality Manager.

This edition's company profile is of a firm that manufactures products that most of us have never heard of, yet we see them, and use them, in a variety of ways every day of our lives. The Company is Sun Chemical and the product is effect pigments.

Sun Chemical's Peekskill site, with its rich history dating back to 1952, stands as a beacon of innovation and excellence in the production of effect pigments. Nestled near the Hudson River, its 24-acre facility has evolved through decades of change to become a critical player in global pigment production. From its beginnings under the Mearl Corporation to its current role as part of Sun Chemical, the Peekskill site exemplifies resilience, innovation, and a commitment to quality.

WHAT IS AN EFFECT PIGMENT?

Effect pigments are material colorants that give additional color effects, such as angular color dependence or texture, when applied in an application medium. Effect pigments reflect light in unique ways to produce color variations, luster, sparkle, shimmer and more. Two-dimensional metallic pigments use small, flat pieces of metal to reflect light and produce a luster. Metallic flake pigments can be solvent- or waterborne and have either leafing or non-leafing flakes.

Sun Chemical Color Materials in Peekskill offers a broad portfolio of colorants to meet the individual needs and requirements of customers in the coatings, cosmetics, plastics, printing and specialties markets. These include natural and synthetic mica and borosilicate glass-based pigments.

FROM NATURAL PEARLS TO GLOBAL IMPACT

The journey of the Peekskill site began in 1925 when Burton Turner and Henry Mattin operated a natural pearl pigment factory in Eastport, Maine. By 1933, the two men officially formed the Mearl Corporation, laying the groundwork for a company that would become synonymous with high-quality pigments.

The company saw its ups and downs throughout the 1930s and 40s but the ultimate trajectory was one of growth. In 1952, Mearl opened the Peekskill facility and it quickly was established as the primary pigment production site for the company. Over the decades, the site transitioned through various ownerships — Engelhard Corporation in 1996, BASF in 2006 and finally Sun Chemical in 2021.

No matter the owner, Peekskill has always been home to worldclass pigment production, research and development. Each chapter of its history has been marked by growth and adaptation including notable milestones such as the start of iridescent film production in 1978 and the introduction of oxide-coated mica pigments, which remain a cornerstone of Peekskill's output today.

Site Director Gary Hutchison notes that with each transition, the site has embraced new challenges and opportunities, solidifying its reputation as a leader in effect pigments. "This site is known within the pigment industry as a leader in R&D and quality. From the very beginning in the early 1950s to today Peekskill is on the cutting edge of effect pigment innovation."

■ A HUB FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION

The Peekskill site is not just a manufacturing facility; it is a hub for innovation and precision. Its expertise lies in producing effect pigments, which are used across industries like cosmetics, automotive finishes, and high-end coatings.

Hutchison ticks off some of the capabilities of the Peekskill site and its team.

"Our site has plenty of the industry's most advanced equipment, all of which are computer controlled and monitored. Our experienced operators can handle the most complex production processes."

Those processes are used to make over 500 unique products, with many requiring multiple coatings and long production cycles. "Some of those cycles can take weeks to perform depending on what raw material we are using and what the customer's desired color and effect is," Hutchison says.

Just as important as the company's expertise in the process of making the pigments is their materials expertise. To produce the desired outcomes Sun Chemical's engineers work with many raw material inputs, including natural mica, synthetic mica, borosilicate glass flake, nitric acid, ferric chloride and titanium oxychloride. Each, when processed in certain ways, will produce a different color and effect.

In close coordination with local process development teams, most new effect pigments are scaled up and commercialized at the Peekskill site. This emphasis on innovation ensures that Sun Chemical remains at the forefront of the pigments industry.

"There are so many different combinations and formulations," Hutchison adds. "But we are capable of more and our team is always working with customers to develop new ones."

A LOCAL SITE WITH CUSTOMERS WORLDWIDE

While deeply rooted in the Hudson Valley, the Peekskill site's impact extends far beyond. Serving markets in North America, Europe, Asia and South America, the facility is a global player in the pigments industry. This global footprint underscores the site's importance in meeting the diverse needs of its international clientele.

From plastics and consumer products to automotive coatings, printing and personal care products, customers come from nearly all sectors of the economy. Their products may well be in your eye shadow, the paint on your car, the ink in your magazine and the fabric on your sofa.

The diverse portfolio provides opportunities for growth, as well as some protection from economic downturn. Frequently when one sector is down, another is up, providing a modicum of stability.

RESILIENCE AMID CHANGE

Operating in a dynamic industry, Sun Chemical's Peekskill site has faced its share of challenges. From navigating supply chain disruptions to adapting to inflationary pressures, the facility has demonstrated remarkable resilience. Investments in advanced technologies, sustainable practices, and employee development have helped the site maintain its competitive edge.

The team's commitment to quality and innovation ensures they

remain agile in the face of industry changes. By focusing on long-term goals and steady growth, the Peekskill site continues to thrive despite external pressures.

WORKFORCE IS THE KEY TO QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE

Key to the success of the site is its high performing team of employees. A wide range of skills and talent work to ensure that each process making each product is designed and executed to the highest level of precision. From engineers and technicians to operators, material handlers and quality assurance technicians, every one of Sun Chemicals' Peekskill employees work together to minimize waste and ensure that the highest quality products are delivered to customers.

"We have some great people here who are highly skilled and very dedicated to their



The Laboratory testing of Sun Chemical's products is vital to our customers success. Pictured above Ava Fashaw, Quality Control Lab Technician, checks to ensure our pearlescent product is free from contaminates prior to being approved for packaging.



R&D and Production starts in the lab. Here Renee Barney, Chemist, samples a lab coating run as it progresses to completion for one of our newest additions to the exciting colors the Sun Chemical Peekskill Site has to offer.

jobs," Hutchison says. "Their commitment to safety and quality is why we are the industry leader."

Because so much can go wrong with batches making their way through the process a great emphasis is placed on quality and quality monitoring. Samples are drawn and tested throughout the process to ensure accuracy.

There are several quality labs on the factory floor where quality assurance technicians are constantly sampling and testing to ensure the quality of the batch. "It's mostly science but there's also a little art to it as well." Hutchison says. "The techs can look at a sample and see that the batch may need to spend more time in the reactor or maybe the temperature needs to be lowered slightly. Ultimately our customers expect a certain

color and effect from our product and our team is here to make sure they get it."



SAFETY FIRST AND ALWAYS

Workplace safety is integrated into everything that happens at Sun Chemical's Peekskill site. From entering and exiting the parking lot and the buildings to the handling of chemicals and equipment, the safety of the employees is the first consideration. All employees don personal protective equipment, including hard hats, safety glasses, steel-toed shoes and respirators where appropriate. Safety reminders are everywhere throughout the facility and all visitors receive a safety presentation and must pass a quiz to be allowed to tour the plant.

"We take safety very seriously. It is incorporated into every aspect of the operation," Hutchison said. "For our team safety is second nature – but we never assume and are always vigilant."

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The company faces a number of challenges as it looks to the future. One challenge comes in the form of competition from Asian firms that undercut pricing due to lower labor costs and less stringent environmental regulations. Another significant challenge facing the Peekskill operation is finding the skilled workers necessary to not only grow the business but replace retiring skilled engineers and operators. The site currently has several openings for technical positions and is facing challenges filling those roles.

"To become a truly skilled operator takes a certain amount of aptitude, a great attitude, and time." Hutchison says. "We have several openings right now and are also looking at several dozen retirements from key positions in the coming years. Our challenge is to fill those positions with the right people."

SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE

As Sun Chemical looks to the future of the Peekskill site, its focus remains on refining its product lines and exploring new opportunities for innovation. The company is committed to sustaining the legacy of excellence established by generations before, while also embracing the challenges of a rapidly changing industry.

"We're going to continue to run our path slow and steady," says Gary Hutchison, Peekskill Site Director for Sun Chemical. "With the dedication we have in our employees, the products we turn out, and the customer service we provide, I believe we provide great value to our customers."

Sun Chemical's Peekskill site, like so many other Hudson Valley manufacturers, is a global leader in its field, hidden in plain sight. Its effect pigments are found in products we use every day from cosmetics and plastics to automotive paint and inks. So next time you notice the really cool paint on that car in the parking lot, or the shimmer in the eyeshadow on the model in the fashion show, think to yourself "I bet that effect came from Peekskill."

Through its dedication to innovation, sustainability and community, the site is well-positioned to continue its legacy of excellence for decades to come.













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CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION VERSION 2.0 COMPLIANCE



s the digital landscape continues to evolve, manufacturers are facing increasing pressure to enhance their cybersecurity measures. With the rise of Industry 4.0 and the Internet of Things (IoT), protecting sensitive information has never been more crucial. Enter CMMC 2.0–a framework designed to fortify defense contractors against cyber threats while ensuring compliance with government standards.



But what does this mean for manufacturers? Understanding CMMC 2.0 is essential not just for compliance, but for safeguarding your operations and maintaining trust in a competitive market. Whether you're new to the concept or seeking clarity on its implications, navigating these waters can be daunting. Let's dive into what you need to know about CMMC 2.0 compliance and how it can impact your manufacturing business in today's tech-driven world.

WHAT IS CMMC 2.0

CMMC 2.0, or Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification version 2.0, is an updated framework aimed at enhancing cybersecurity across the defense industrial base. This new model simplifies compliance by reducing the number of required levels from five to three. It focuses on a risk-based approach that accommodates various types of organizations.

CMMC 2.0 emphasizes essential security practices and controls tailored specifically for contractors working with the Department of Defense (DoD). The goal is to protect sensitive information from cyber threats in an increasingly interconnected world. Emphasizing alignment with existing frameworks like NIST SP 800-171, CMMC 2.0 promotes a more streamlined process for manufacturers seeking certification while ensuring robust protection against evolving cyber risks.

As companies integrate IoT devices into their operations, understanding CMMC becomes crucial for maintaining data integrity and securing valuable assets within this complex landscape. This is because IoT, Industry 4.0, devices are often overlooked and a common point of entry on cyber attacks. Often IT teams keep on top of the critical infrastructure items like firewalls, computers and servers but beyond that is often overlooked.

WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL CONTROLS OF CMMC 2.0?

CMMC 2.0 introduces a refined framework aimed at bolstering cybersecurity across the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). At its core, it emphasizes three levels of maturity, each with distinct controls

tailored to different types of contractors.

The critical controls include access management, asset security and incident response protocols. These elements are vital for protecting sensitive information from cyber threats. For manufacturers, securing IoT devices is essential as these become integral in Industry 4.0 environments.

Moreover, continuous monitoring and risk assessment practices ensure that systems remain robust against evolving attacks. The emphasis on documentation and training fosters a culture of cybersecurity awareness among employees.

As organizations navigate through compliance requirements, understanding these critical controls becomes paramount for maintaining operational integrity and trustworthiness within the supply chain ecosystem.

WHAT ARE THE MOST CHALLENGING AREAS OF CMMC COMPLIANCE?

Navigating CMMC compliance can be daunting for manufacturers. One of the most challenging areas is documentation. Keeping accurate records that align with the required practices takes time and expertise.

Another hurdle lies in understanding the specific requirements of each level. Many organizations struggle to grasp what controls apply to their operations, especially as they relate to IoT devices integral to Industry 4.0 transformations.

Training employees presents its own set of challenges. Ensuring that all staff understand cybersecurity protocols is vital but often overlooked amid daily production pressures.

Furthermore, integrating existing systems with new security measures can lead to compatibility issues. Manufacturers may find themselves balancing operational efficiency with rigorous security standards.

Ultimately, staying updated on evolving CMMC guidelines adds another layer of complexity, leaving many feeling overwhelmed by an ever-shifting landscape in cybersecurity demands.

WHY YOU SHOULD OUTSOURCE CMMC COMPLIANCE

Outsourcing CMMC compliance can be a strategic decision for many manufacturers. Engaging with specialized firms allows companies to leverage expert knowledge and save valuable time. With the rapidly evolving landscape of cybersecurity, especially in sectors embracing Industry 4.0 and IoT technologies, staying ahead is crucial.

CMMC requirements can be intricate and demanding. By outsourcing compliance efforts, your team can focus on core business processes while ensuring that regulatory obligations are met effectively. Compliance specialists bring tailored strategies designed specifically for your industry's unique challenges, which often makes navigating complex controls much simpler.

Additionally, these external partners stay updated with the latest changes in regulations and technology trends. This ensures that your manufacturing operations not only meet current standards but also adapt quickly to any future requirements.

Choosing to outsource may also provide cost savings in the long run. Avoiding potential fines or security breaches due to non-compliance could outweigh initial investment costs associated with hiring experts.

A common factor in small- to mid-sized manufacturers is that IT support and management is often outsourced or if internal, the teams are 1-4 people in size. Often these internal teams do not have the resources to manage the scale of CMMC and outsourced IT firms may not have the expertise in compliance work.

For manufacturers looking toward sustainable growth within an increasingly digital ecosystem, understanding CMMC 2.0 is essential—especially if you want to protect sensitive information while innovating efficiently within the realms of IoT and Industry 4.0 advancements.

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TRUMP 2.0: LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS



onald J. Trump returned to the Presidency for a second non-consecutive term on January 20, 2025. After taking office, President Trump issued hundreds of Executive Orders, many with a direct impact on employers of all shapes and sizes. Since the EOs and other government actions, a flurry of court challenges filed by various interest groups have followed.

Considering the pace of EOs and court challenges, it is difficult for employers and their counsel to keep up, much less predict how it will shake out between the writing and printing of this article. Hopefully, some practical guidance for manufacturing employers will follow.

THE NLRB AND EEOC LACK A QUORUM

In the first days of his administration, President Trump removed Charlotte Burrows and Jocelyn Samuels from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, ending a Democratic Commission majority and leaving the commission with two members. President Trump also removed Board Member Gwynne Wilcox from the National Labor Relations Board, also leaving two Board members. As a result, both the EEOC and NLRB lacked a quorum necessary for these agencies to conduct some business. On March 5, 2025, a federal judge issued an injunction ordering Wilcox reinstated to the NLRB. On March 11, 2025, the Trump administration appealed the judge's order reinstating Wilcox to the NLRB.

Also, at the EEOC, Republican Commissioner Andrea Lucas was named acting chair. President Trump also fired General Counsel Karla Gilbride and appointed Andrew B. Rogers as acting general counsel. Rogers previously served as chief counsel to Acting Chair Lucas.

After her appointment, Acting Chair Lucas set forth to implement policies reflecting the president's Executive Order 14168, "Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government." Lucas announced the EEOC's priority to "defend the biological and binary reality of sex and related rights, including women's rights to single-sex spaces at work." She also ended the use of the "X" gender marker and "Mx." prefix for the charge intake and removed materials promoting "gender ideology" from the Commission's websites and documents.

IMPACT ON LITIGATION

The lack of an EEOC quorum may affect new litigation filings. Under a prior Commission resolution, the Commission must approve certain types of litigation, such as pattern and practice cases and systemic litigation. Although other cases are delegated to the acting general counsel, there is no current mechanism for the Commission to approve pattern and practice or systemic cases without a quorum. The existing delegation makes clear that an acting general counsel can still file new litigation when the EEOC lacks a quorum if the case does not fall within the categories that require a Commission vote.

The EEOC will likely initiate litigation on issues Acting Chair Lucas has championed in the past and in her policy statement, such as alleged illegal DEI policies that make race- and sexconscious hiring decisions, pregnancy discrimination, religious discrimination and accommodation issues. Litigation already pending is likely to continue, though Acting General Counsel Rogers may have new views on the merits and strategies used in these cases. Cases involving issues that contradict the acting chair's policy initiatives could be withdrawn.

EEOC field offices will continue to investigate charges, both existing and new filings. This includes any existing Commissioner charges, even those of Commissioners no longer at the agency. Additional processing requirements could be implemented for certain categories of cases other than charges involving transgender issues, which are to be referred to EEOC headquarters for centralized processing.

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Employers should take steps to consider practical solutions to mitigate the risk of charges and litigation, as well as brand and reputational risk.

WHAT CAN EMPLOYERS DO?

Although this is a fast-changing environment, existing EEOC litigation and charge investigations are likely to proceed as usual with an increased focus on certain charges within the EEOC's new focus. Challenges to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs are at an all-time high and increasing. Executive orders (EOs) issued by President Donald Trump prohibit "illegal DEI" activities by federal agencies, contractors and grantees, but they do not define "illegal DEI." The EOs also direct agencies to investigate whether the DEI practices of private, non-federal contractor employers violate federal civil rights laws.

The EOs and court employers are required to provide equal employment opportunity (EEO). That said, the use of shorthand and acronyms to describe DEI and EEO activities increases the risk of legal challenges to programs. Employers should take steps to consider practical solutions to mitigate the risk of charges and litigation, as well as brand and reputational risk.

Employers and their counsel should monitor court challenges and other developments. For instance, a federal district court in Maryland issued a preliminary injunction temporarily stopping the Trump Administration from enforcing aspects of its EOs that ban "illegal DEI." As a result, federal contractors and recipients of

federal funding have a temporary reprieve from investigations under the EOs for "illegal DEI." However, the decision does not prevent plaintiffs from bringing claims against private sector employers, contractors or recipients of federal funds based on DEI initiatives or the EEOC from pursuing investigations based on what they perceive to be illegal DEI programming.

DEI is a catch-all phrase that can mean different things to different people. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and other anti-discrimination laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, gender and other protected characteristics. Treating employees differently with respect to their employment because of race or sex or other protected characteristic may be unlawful, whether called DEI or something else.

The EOs do not change existing law regarding discrimination in employment, contracting or otherwise, but they do signal increased investigation and enforcement activities relating to DEI programs. While there is still plenty of uncertainty, what is clear is that government agencies will be looking for unlawful DEI; employees and others will be raising more legal challenges; the government and individuals may be searching websites for easy targets; and the potential for litigation has gone up.



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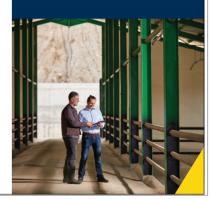
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Here are practical steps to help employers stay out of the fray and minimize legal, brand, and reputational risk:

- 1. Conduct a privileged DEI assessment, which is an independent, objective appraisal of DEI and EEO policies, practices, and performance that helps an employer understand and assess its EEO strengths and weaknesses; identify areas of legal, business, and reputational risk; and develop initiatives to enhance equal employment opportunity in a legally compliant manner.
- 2. Employers should review internal and external communications about DEI and EEO practices. The use of shorthand and acronyms for DEI and EEO activities increases the likelihood of allegations that the employer unlawfully discriminates. At the same time, employers should consider communications to their employees and prospective employees that the company is committed to equal opportunity. The letters "DEI" are not unlawful, but are charged. Describe any programming with specificity.
- 3. Continue to emphasize the organization's commitment to equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination, and treating everyone with respect, regardless of their race, gender, color, national origin, religion, gender identity, age, disability, veteran status and any other characteristic protected by law. Focus on treating everyone with respect.
- 4. Rather than creating numeric "goals," consider conducting regular, proactive, privileged analyses of the actions the organization takes (hires, promotions, terminations, compensation) to look

- for signs of favoritism to one group of individuals over another to understand how the organization is doing with respect to its EEO obligations.
- 5. Assess any potential barriers to equal employment opportunity, such as reviewing job qualifications to ensure that requirements are actually accurate and not unnecessarily limiting candidate pools.
- 6. Review any DEI or related training conducted or required.
- 7. Review employee resource group practices and missions, celebration days, workplace training distribution, leadership training, mentorship, internship and fellowship opportunities, talent acquisition programs (such as diverse slates, interviewing panel processes), and other employment practices.
- 8. Conduct leadership training to ensure they understand the principles of equal employment opportunity and that they understand that they cannot make decisions or apply preferences based on protected characteristics.

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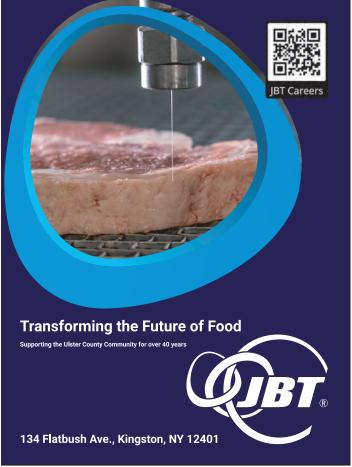
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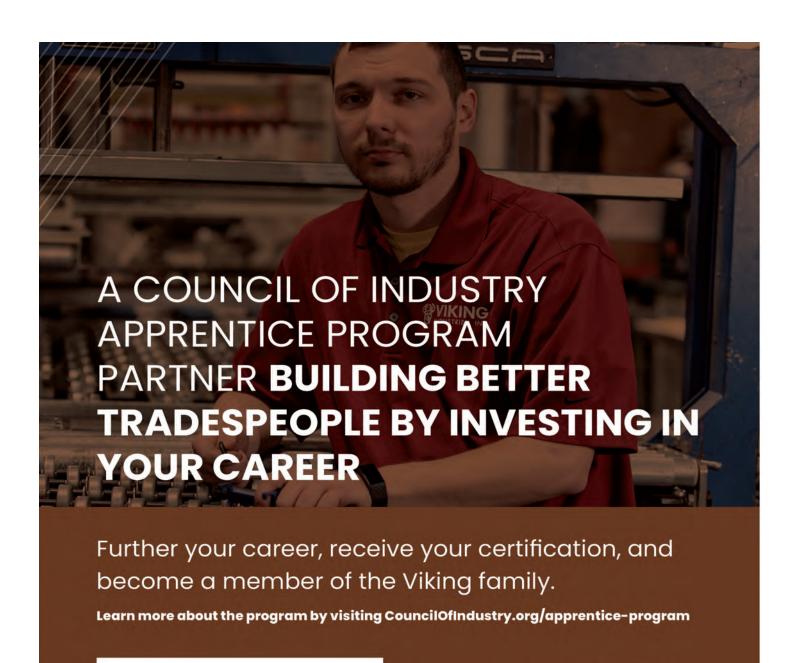
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