
Economic Growth Collaborative of South Central Minnesota

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South Central Minnesota Celebrates Minnesota Manufacturers Week with “Tour of Manufacturing”

Mankato, MINN (October 25, 2010) – Manufacturers from throughout the region are opening their doors to the public for the first ever “Tour of Manufacturing this Saturday, **October 30** from 9 am – 3 pm.

The tour is similar to a “parade of homes,” with attendees able to stop into any of the participating manufactures for a short walk through or guided tour any time throughout the day. Participating manufacturers will give tours and show how they make their products, including in many cases the new high tech innovations they use to produce higher quality products, at a faster pace than ever before. Attendees will also learn about the businesses themselves and career opportunities, all in a casual open house atmosphere. Manufacturing businesses participating in the tour include:

LeSueur: Cambria

Mankato and N. Mankato: Coloplast, Dotson Iron Castings, Jones Metal Products, Lindsay Window & Door, MTU Onsite Energy and V-TEK Inc.

New Ulm: Parker Hannafin and Windings Inc.

Wells: Wells Concrete

Winnebago: Corn Plus

The Tour of Manufacturing is part of Minnesota Manufactures Week, which runs October 25 – 29 and celebrates the importance of contribution of manufacturing to the Minnesota economy. In the Greater Mankato Metropolitan Statistical Area (including Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties), manufacturing accounts for 17 percent of total payroll/wages, and is 22 percent of total payroll/wages in the nine counties of South Central Minnesota (Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan counties). In Greater Mankato approximately one in every seven employees works in manufacturing and throughout the South Central Minnesota region about one in every five employees work in manufacturing. In addition, each manufacturing job supports another 1.3 jobs elsewhere in the economy, through supplier purchases and employee spending.

The Tour of Manufacturing is presented by the Economic Growth Collaborative of South Central Minnesota, including MN Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED), Greater Mankato Growth, Inc., South Central Workforce Council, Region Nine Development Commission, Minnesota State University, Mankato, South Central College, South Central Service Cooperative and V-TEK, Inc.

For more information on the Tour of Manufacturing, including a map of participating manufactures visit tourofmanufacturing.com.

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