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## **Local manufacturers to host plant tours for students in celebration of Manufacturing Day**

*Events designed to expand knowledge and improve public  
perception of manufacturing career opportunities*

**Monroe, MI** — Multiple manufacturers across the region will open their doors simultaneously to celebrate National Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) on Oct. 6, 2017. These events are part of an effort to change perceptions about today's manufacturing environment and draw attention to the outstanding opportunities that a career in manufacturing can provide.

The Monroe County Intermediate School District (MCISD) and the Monroe County Business Development Corporation (BDC) are coordinating Monroe County's efforts in a region-wide initiative, covering Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw counties, with the goal of exposing 1,000 middle and high school students to local manufacturing career opportunities in one day.

In Monroe County, we have eleven manufacturers participating: Accuworx, Automatic Handling, Fischer Tool & Die, Fluid Equipment Design Company (Fedco), Gerdau, Hanwha, Midway Products Group, Premier Industries, Spiratex and Ventower Industries.

"We appreciate our manufacturing community taking the time from their business schedules to open their shop floors to our students," said Tim Lake President and CEO of the Monroe County Business Development Corporation. "Allowing our students to tour and ask questions about the various careers associated in today's advanced manufacturing environment is extremely helpful as students explore various careers," Lake continued.

Schools from all nine districts will be participating which include Airport Community Schools, Bedford Public Schools, Dundee Community Schools, Ida Public Schools, Jefferson Schools, Mason Consolidated Schools, Monroe Public Schools, Summerfield Schools and Whiteford Agricultural Schools.

Manufacturing Day is a national event executed at the local level with the support of thousands of manufacturers as they host students, teachers, parents, job seekers and other local community members at open houses, plant tours and presentations designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

**About Monroe County Intermediate School District**

The Monroe County ISD promotes educational excellence by serving in a visionary role to facilitate improvement of school programs and services. The Monroe County ISD provides services and support to children and families from birth to age 26 by offering a variety of programs to prepare today's students to tomorrow's world.

**About Monroe County Business Development Corporation**

The Monroe County BDC is Monroe County's local economic development organization. The Monroe County BDC is dedicated to attracting new businesses, retaining and expanding existing businesses and serving as a catalyst for capital investment and quality job growth in Monroe County. The Monroe County Business Development Corporation is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Formed in 1982, Monroe County BDC operations are overseen by a 17-member Board of Directors consisting of some of the area's top leaders, including representatives from manufacturing, banking, utilities, labor, education and local government.

More information on Manufacturing Day is available at [www.mfgday.com](http://www.mfgday.com).

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