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NoCO Manufacturing Partnership Announces NOCOM 2019 Speaker Schedule

"Connecting Supply Chain"-themed event is April 11, 2019 at The Ranch

Loveland, Colorado— Northern Colorado Manufacturing Partnership (NoCO) has announced the full slate of speakers for NOCOM 2019, its fifth annual conference at The Ranch on April 11, 2019. Sessions will address topics ranging from strategic partnerships to the talent pipeline. The NOCOM 2019 Speaker Hall is sponsored by AuerCPA Co. and FirstBank. All speakers will present in the South Hall.

"After in-depth research with Partnership members, we planned, solicited and selected this speaker slate carefully," said Christina Haxton, Chief Potential Officer at The Center for Sustainable Strategies, who managed the process. "We worked to balance presentations about technology, the supply chain, and ongoing concerns manufacturers have around personnel, including hiring and workforce development. We have some great speakers presenting important, useful information that members and NOCOM attendees will find valuable."

10:00-10:45 a.m. *Manufacturing Workforce Solutions: Plan for today and the future!*Trevor Pruitt, Associate, Skillful - Colorado

Andrew Palmer, Advanced Manufacturing Program Manager at CareerWise Colorado

Practical, affordable strategies you need to fill your talent pipeline.

11:00-11:45 a.m. How to STOP the COP-OUT Syndrome & Build a Culture of Ownership in Your Organization: A 4-Part Framework for Manufacturers & Supply Chain Companies

Christina Haxton, Chief Potential Officer at The Center for Sustainable Strategies

Insights, strategies and best practices from interviews with executives and CEOs of successful Colorado companies who are building a Culture of Ownership.

1:30-2:00 p.m. Best Practices for Strategic Partnering to Increase Performance & Profit

Bob Forshay, APICS Northern Colorado

Dan Van Arsdall, Global Supply Chain Manager, Rubadue Wire

How to partner strategically and intentionally to deliver on time, on budget, and on promise.

2:00-2:45 p.m. Taking the Manufacturing Journey to Operational Excellence: Reports from the Field

<u>Josh Owens</u>, Sales Engineer at <u>TMMI powered by GrayMatter</u>

Mark Morse, Enterprise Sales Specialist at GrayMatter Systems

Advancing your operation through digital processes and predictive analytics to outperform – close the loop between manufacturing and business systems to get the most out of your operations.

Note: for full details on each session and bios and photos of each speaker, visit this link for a Google doc: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P2-426V-gBhn0LLayLuyMfKjJ1llQU4PJ18yl5u0vDo/edit?usp=sharing

The NOCOM Student Experience

NOCOM 2019 is proud to host high school students for a NOCOM Student Experience where students will enjoy lunch with a speaker. From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. they will walk the trade show floor and have an opportunity to talk with exhibitors about what their organizations offer the future workforce, including tuition reimbursement, internships, job shadows, and more.

About the 5th Annual NOCOM Trade Show

NOCOM 2019 takes place Thursday, April 11th, 2019, The Ranch Events Complex, in Loveland, Colorado. For more information or to register, visit www.nocomfg.com.

Date: Thursday, April 11th, 2019 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

B2B Networking Reception 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (separate ticket required)

Featuring Colorado OEDIT Executive Director Betsy Markey

Embassy Suites Loveland

For more information and to register for this event, visit<u>www.nocomfg.com</u>. For more information on sponsorships and to become a corporate sponsor, contact Adam Papilion, NOCOM 2019 Chair, at 970-692-3344 or adam@h2manufacturingsolutions.com.

About Northern Colorado Manufacturing Partnership

The NoCo Manufacturing Partnership was formed in 2013 as a result of Governor Hickenlooper's state Economic Development plan called the Colorado Blue Print. The Blue Print identified 11 key sectors of the economy in Colorado by region. Northern Colorado's two main sectors identified were Health and Wellness and Advanced Manufacturing. Regions within the state were encouraged to form sector partnerships to provide more localized grass roots support to augment state efforts in each sector. These would be industry specific, led by business, in partnership with economic development, education and workforce development. A collaboration arose as part of the Blue Print process involving people from each of these affiliations and the NoCo Manufacturing Partnership was born. It continues to be an

all-volunteer, business led, FREE membership organization designed to support Northern Colorado manufacturers. It is served by a Board of Directors, representing each affiliation from private business to local government, as well as two active committees: Networking and Manufacturing Talent/Rocks! Find us on the web, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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