

Resources for manufacturers in Connecticut - State agencies

(including public-private partnerships)

Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development

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Manufacturing Innovation Fund supports the growth, innovation and progress of Connecticut's advanced manufacturing sector. The fund encourages collaboration between private companies and higher education, provides vouchers to assist with technical needs, funds job training and provides matching funds for federal grants.

Business Development and Workforce Training is the state's lead agency for the development and implementation of policies, strategies and programs that support business growth and innovation. The department offers a wide range of programs and services to help companies prosper in Connecticut.

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International Division is the lead facilitator and strategic catalyst of international activity within the state. Its mission is to increase the global competitiveness of Connecticut businesses by developing two-way trade and investment opportunities; by helping these businesses enter new markets and expand their global business base; by aggressively pursuing foreign direct investment opportunities; and by building public/private strategic partnerships.

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State Trade and Expansion Program (STEP) is a pilot grant program to help increase the number of small businesses that export, and increase the value of exports for small businesses currently exporting.

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Connecticut Department of Labor

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www.ctdol.state.ct.us/gendocs/about.html

Five workforce development boards set up through the workforce innovation and opportunity act:

Capital Workforce Partners
1 Union Place
Hartford, CT 06103
capitalworkforce.org
Alex Johnson, acting president & CEO
860-522-1111

Public-private partnership invests in youth development, develops sustainable career paths for adult workers and assist employers with a variety of programs and services through the American Job Center network

Workforce Alliance
560 Ella T. Grasso Blvd.
New Haven, CT 06519
workforcealliance.biz
William P. Villano, president & CEO
203-624-1493

Public-private partnership assisting with on-the-job training grants, workshops, youth employment and services through the American Job Center network

Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board

108 New Park Ave.
Franklin, CT 06254
www.ewib.org
John Beauregard, president & CEO
860-859-4100

Public-private partnership that oversees a network of workforce-related programs funded from a variety of sources including the operations of the region's American Job Centers

The Workplace Inc.
350 Fairfield Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
www.workplace.org
Joseph M. Carbone, president & CEO
203-610-8500

Public-private partnership with nearly 20 programs to assist youth, workers and the long-term unemployed including: Ready2Work, Platform to Employment, Dress for Success, MaturityWorks and services through the American Job Center network

Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board Inc.

249 Thomaston Ave.
Waterbury, 06702
www.nrwib.org
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Public-private partnership with local businesses, government, education, labor and human services agencies, which all work together to provide the delivery of workforce development services through programs for adult and dislocated workers and the American Job Center network.

Connecticut Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) at CONNSTEP

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Part of a nationwide system of MEP centers

linked through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), with the common goal to strengthen the global competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers. Includes the Made in CT program for manufacturers.

Incumbent Worker Training Program

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<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/IWTmanuffappform.htm>

A matching fund program to help manufacturing companies provide training for their workforce. It offers up to up to \$50,000 maximum per employer, per calendar year equal to the approved amount. The program is administered by the Connecticut Department of Labor and funded through the Department of Economic & Community Development's Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund.

CTHires

www.cthires.com
Comprehensive web search engine for Connecticut employers and job seekers to find and post jobs and job candidates, trade fairs, training events and labor market analysis.

CTWorks Career Centers Connecticut Department of Labor

www.ctdol.state.ct.us
A network of 14 career centers offer services to job seekers and employers. Consumers are not charged for the services provided by the center regardless of their employment status. Career services include employment searches, assistance with writing and critiquing resumes, skills assessments, guidance on interviewing techniques, workshops on career transitions, videos and information on local job fairs.

Eastern Connecticut Manufacturing Pipeline

www.ewib.org/pipeline
Provides no-cost training to address the hiring needs of Groton, Conn.-based Electric Boat (General Dynamics), members of the Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance and other manufacturers; funded by the US Department of Labor-Workforce Innovation Fund in partnership with the CT Department of Labor and the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board with training provided by Three Rivers Community College, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Community College of Rhode Island, Employment & Training Institute, and Metrix Learning.