

The Right Place | The Center – West **MANUFACTURERS COUNCIL**

2025/2026 Chair: James Kolodziej, Operations Manager, Flexco

2025/2026 Vice-Chair: Ann Mason, Head of Supply Chain, Operations, and Engineering, Comfort Research

MISSION | To inspire a community of dedicated manufacturing-focused companies to deliver solutions and prosperity to its members.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP | To achieve our mission, the Council concentrates on the following:

- **Leadership:** Strategy (both for your company and the region), Business Growth (Diversification) and Integrity in Leadership (learning our best leadership from other leaders)
- **Technology:** How to approach and manage
- **Operations:** Identify latest best practices for efficiency improvement
- **Financials:** Improve business performance and drive cost savings

WHAT WE DO

- **Best Practice Sharing and Learning:** Convene to promote the successful sharing of knowledge, experience, and practices to enable sustainable manufacturing improvement and growth
- **Communications:** Establish a meaningful social media presence for manufacturers in West Michigan
- **Member Value:** Increase value for The Right Place Manufacturers Council members
- **Promote Manufacturing:** Establish a marketing campaign to celebrate and promote manufacturing by reaching a greater audience of West Michigan manufacturers

ENGAGEMENT & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Roundtables:** Bi-annual CEO Roundtable, Quarterly Operations Roundtable, Quarterly AI Workgroup, Plant Managers Networking Group, Supervisor Leader User Group
- **Leadership insights:** Quarterly Manufacturing Tours, Site Review by Council Members, Business Development (Diversification and Business Growth, Council meetings)
- **Industry Collaboration:** Talent Workgroup (HR Leaders) focus on Talent Attraction, Skill Development and Talent Retention Best Practices
- **Events:** Develop programming for Manufacturing Summit, participate in Continuous Improvement Trainings, and Support Discover Manufacturing



MANUFACTURERS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CONTACT FORM

COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name: _____ Number of Employees: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Website Address: _____

Company Description: _____

Product/s Manufactured: _____

NAICS Codes: _____

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Assistant Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Right Place, Inc's Manufacturers Council?

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (OPTIONAL)

Full Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Assistant Name: _____ Email Address: _____



MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

- To be considered for membership, companies must be an investor in The Right Place with a minimum annual investment of \$3,500.
- Membership is by company, not individual. A council member's company is responsible for replacing individuals should a council member leave the company.
- Membership is for manufacturers and select others invited by the Executive Committee that reside in any of the 13 counties which make up MEDC Region 4.
- Companies must be represented by a key decision maker. The company leader or designee is expected to attend council functions and events.
- Non-member companies may be invited to join a working group.
- Members are asked to treat each other with respect, mindful of customer/supplier and/or competitor relationships. Particular consideration should be given to hiring practices as they relate to member companies recruiting personnel.
- If a representative member retires, they may be eligible to continue participation on the council if the following requirements are met:
 - Member representatives have been actively involved with the council for the past five years (minimum)
 - Member representative was a high-level executive for a manufacturing company
 - Continued participation is agreed to by the Executive Committee (subject to annual review)

As the Manufacturers Council Representative for my company, I agree to abide by these guidelines.

Full Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

