

# *UP Regional Industrial Manufacturing Regional Skills Alliance*

## **Solving the Challenges of the Manufacturing Industry through Collaboration**

### ***Mission Statement***

*To develop a highly qualified labor pool to meet the current and future needs of the UP's industrial manufacturers and develop industry-specific solutions through partnerships with education, legislators and other industries.*



### ***Background***

The Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing Skills Alliance (UP-RIMSA) consists of the skilled trades, manufacturing, advanced manufacturing and other stakeholders such as education, economic development and legislative representatives. These industries have been combined in this skill alliance because research has indicated that the future workforce for all these industries will come from the same worker pool.

This Alliance, with a regional focus on the 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula, includes more than 22,000 family-sustaining jobs across the UP. Because industry surveys indicate both growth and 40% retirement of the current workforce by 2012, there is a pressing need to have nearly 9,000 new skilled workers available over the next seven years to maintain the industrial manufacturing companies of the Upper Peninsula. Based on projected enrollments in educational institutions and skilled trades, there will be a shortfall of more than 3,000 workers by 2012.

The UP-RIMSA provides a framework to organize the workforce development needs of the industry. UP-RIMSA is business driven and business focused.

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