

U.P. Healthcare Roundtable Conference a Resounding Success!

Looking Into the Future of Healthcare



Al Hendra, Job Force Board Member and Chair of the Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable discusses healthcare with Senator Debbie Stabenow.

We do not know the full impact of any healthcare reform, which is being discussed and legislated at the federal level. Realizing that this change could affect how the healthcare industry does business and ultimately impact the healthcare industry workforce, the theme of the Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable Conference recently held at Northern Michigan University was “Looking into the Future of Healthcare.”

“Healthcare reform is about jobs,” stated luncheon speaker Senator Debbie Stabenow. The Senator’s presentation gave an overview of healthcare reform that stressed the importance of reform, commenting that in Michigan, “We know that skyrocketing insurance costs are making it hard for our businesses

to compete internationally and costing us jobs.”

the legislation supports more funding for National Health Service Corps, promotes primary care and dentistry, new funding for a variety of nursing programs and nurse education; supports creation of a Public Health Workforce Corps, innovation in interdisciplinary care training and health workforce evaluation .

“From research and experience working with top organizations, the insight into what sets the best apart starts from two or more competitive advantages,” noted Brad Black, President and CEO of HumaneX Ventures and keynote speaker. Black spoke to the talent and culture of the workplace citing examples within the industry.

Attendees also had an opportunity to at-

end two of three sessions, “Conflict Resolution” by Sue Roll, President of Coaching for Results; “Interest Based Bargaining” by Don Maki of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services; and “Pre-employment Hiring, Recruitment and Retention” by Holly Peoples, Director of Business Services of Michigan Works! The Job Force Board.

The Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable (UPHCRT) is made up of representatives from hospitals, long-term home health care, educational institutions and community based organizations from across the Upper Peninsula whose focus is to address workforce issues in the industry, to educate our communities about the economic impact of healthcare in our region, to ensure that our industry has a pipeline of workers to meet today’s and tomorrow’s workforce needs and to assist the industry in insuring that their current and future workforce have the skill sets needed to remain economically viable and globally competitive.

Al Hendra, Job Force Board Member and Chair of the Roundtable, commented, “The Roundtable thanks our sponsors and the healthcare industry for supporting this event and will continue to bring resources to the industry to build the skill sets of our workforce.”

For more information on the UPHCRT, contact The Job Force Board at 906.789.0558 Extension 0.

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In The Spotlight



Renew was the summit theme for the recent New North Annual Summit held in Green Bay, Wisconsin. According to Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of New North, Inc. this year's summit theme was developed "from several discussions concerning the state of our economy. The economic landscape has pressed us to redefine our strategy. Not only do we need to adjust our plans, but also affirm the vision, mission, and core values specific to our goals."

The morning session included welcome

Renew-New North Summit

speeches by a number of Green Bay and Wisconsin Leaders including Governor Jim Doyle and Green Bay Mayor James Schmitt. The morning session key note speaker was Dr. David Ward, President and founder of NorthStar Economics. NorthStar Economics is the organization that did the origin New North Study as well as the recently completed Economic Opportunity Study for the Upper Peninsula and Wisconsin Border Region as part of the Regional Innovation Grant received by the Job Force Board from the Department of Labor.

Two items of significance observed were the support the effort continues to receive from the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin Secretary of Commerce Richard Leinenkugel announced that New North was awarded a \$100,000 marketing grant to advance the region's competitive advantage in the two target market areas of wind energy and cellulosic ethanol. In the official press release regarding the award, Governor Doyle said, "We must draw on the resources and talent of all our communities to grow the state's economy."

The second significant observation is how deeply involved private industry is in this effort to advance the economy of Northeast Wisconsin counties. While the economies of scale are vastly different in Green Bay and North-

east Wisconsin than the Upper Peninsula, one couldn't help but be impressed by the large number corporate leadership volunteers each of the committees enjoy within the organization.

The collaborative efforts of Michigan Works! The Job Force Board was highlighted via one of the many videos prepared for the conference for our work with the four border counties heavily affected by the closure of the Niagara Paper Mill.

New North, Inc. is a collaborative organization consisting of eighteen counties in Wisconsin. The organization is centered on six initiatives: Attracting, Developing and Retaining Talent; Focusing on Targeted Growth Opportunities, Supporting an Entrepreneurial and Small Business Climate, Sustainable Development, Encouraging Educational Attainment, Encouraging and Embracing Diverse Talent and Promoting the Regional Brand.



Michigan Works! Staff Completes BSP Training



Sara Cole, Sean Boyce and Tracy Lauerman, Business Service Consultants at Michigan Works! The Job Force Board.

Our area has recently gained some new assets in the form of highly trained individuals completing graduate level coursework at Michigan State University.

Sara Cole, Tracy Lauerman and Sean Boyce, Business Service Consultants, for Michigan Works! The Job Force Board, completed training in East Lansing at the Michigan State School of Labor and Industrial Relations. The training

was part of the Business Solution Professionals program offered as a graduate course at Michigan State University. The three participated in sessions, spread out from August to November, where they took part in large group activities as well as some individual and team sessions aimed at furthering their development as effective consultants to area businesses in the Upper Peninsula.

The first sessions were designed to walk the participants through the process of initiating and building a relationship with businesses. Focusing on a five-step approach, students were encouraged to not only ask questions, but to offer actual experiences and first-hand accounts of their own dealings and relationships with businesses in the local community.

Participants were tasked with developing asset maps to better facilitate and create documents which can assist with businesses identifying areas of need or concern. Attendees to the program were also able to meet and network with many professional throughout the state and learn to realize the benefits of expanding their contact base.

"The long drive to Lansing was well worth the tools we have gained and are bringing back to our community," stated Sean Boyce, Business Service Consultant.

For more information on how one of the certified Business Solution Professionals can assist your business contact Robert Eslinger at 906.280.4176.



(Photo Courtesy of Northern Waters Photography/Sean Depuydt)

Will Carne, President
Michigan Works! The Job Force Board

Innovation, talent, the availability of capital and diversification of the manufacturing base were the center point of discussion by Greg Main, President of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Main spoke at the Heirman Center at Bay College on December 8th. Comments opened with a historical perspective beginning in the recession of the 1980s, when thousands of jobs in the automotive industry were lost due to competition from Japan, and the subsequent economic rebound. While things were going well in the automotive industry we took our eye off the ball and we now have a demonstrated need for diversification of our industries. Entrepreneurship is needed as well as innovation, new ideas across sectors and

Diversifying Michigan's Economy

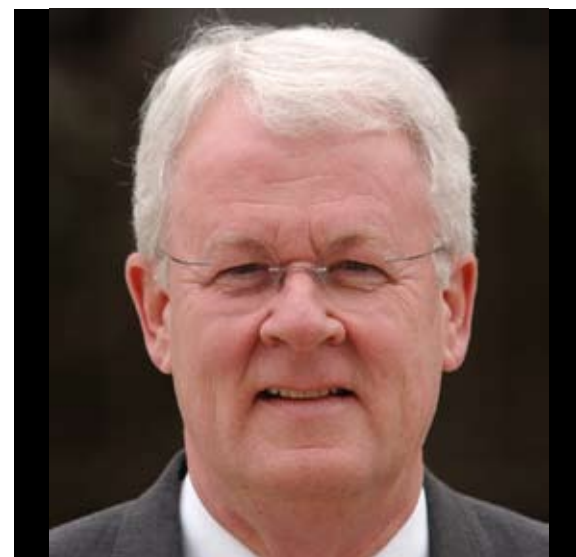
new business whether they begin in a garage or at a university.

There are 2500 parts makers representing 380,000 jobs in Michigan that are at a level ready to diversify their product lines. The current areas of focus for diversification activities are wind, solar, bio-fuels, medical devices, defense and aerospace. There have been a series of summits designed to assist with diversification efforts for businesses with great attendance. The MEDC is providing support in the form of industry experts and training dollars for companies who attend.

Mr. Main stated that the MEDC is working to attract a wind turbine manufacturer to Michigan and that if successful; suppliers to that OEM will be needed as there are 8,000 parts on a wind turbine. According to Main, the obstacle to overcome with the strategy is financing. He said that many companies are struggling to leverage financing because in many cases their collateral is devalued and when diversifying you must demonstrate to a lender that you can be successful in the new market in order to get financing. The MEDC has been working closely with a number of agencies addressing this.

Advanced battery manufacturing could be the new means of propelling vehicles. The first hybrids were introduced in 2006 and were followed by the lithium ion battery. The MEDC has added PhD level engineers who are experts

in these batteries to their staff. They are working closely with Oakridge National Laboratories, TARDEC, TACOM, and the US Department of Energy as well as the Big Three auto makers on plans for Michigan in the advanced battery industry. They have mapped the entire value chain for batteries including cell production and pack production. The MEDC has built incentives around the goal of building a battery manufacturing industry in Michigan and positioned their programs to match up with federal incentive programs. To date, four companies have leveraged both Michigan and Federal dollars and a fifth is poised to enter into a deal as well.



Greg Main, President of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Sheila Veraghen A Highly Valued Career Connections Group Member



Sheila Veraghen, Director of North Menominee Community Schools and Career Connections Group Member

Developing the workforce for our region's employers is a passion of Sheila Veraghen who is the Director of the North Menominee Community Schools. Representing the central Upper Peninsula Adult Education providers, Sheila's role is to help develop a worker pipeline for our employers and to raise the educational skill levels of our area's residents. "The adult education students are staying in our communities and will become part of our regional workforce system. Through adult education, we are working to ensure that these individuals have the knowledge, skills and abilities to obtain and retain family sustaining jobs," notes Veraghen.

As an active member of the Career Connections Group and its Marketing and Advocacy committee, Sheila works with business and education representatives to implement strategies designed to not only build awareness about our career preparation efforts and successes, but to advocate for support in dealing with the chal-

lenges our region faces while building a globally competitive workforce. Under Sheila's direction, North Menominee Community Schools has partnered with Michigan Works! The Job Force, Iron Mountain Kingsford Schools, Bay College and the M-TEC at Bay College to deliver a state funded pilot adult education program entitled Project E3. The project is designed to transition adult education students to post secondary training and employment while they simultaneously complete their GED and build their work readiness, citizenship and leadership skills.

Sheila also brings with her an entrepreneurial perspective to our adult education system. She and her husband John own John's Evergreen in Powers, Michigan. Sheila takes this business owner perspective to introduce innovation into her adult education curriculums that has resulted in a well respected adult education program across the state.

PTAC Offers Sessions Across the Region to Assist Business and Industry

Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Using Technology to Reach More Businesses

In 2010 the PTAC is planning on using video conference technology to reach out to more companies in the Upper Peninsula interested in doing business with the government. The PTAC has video conferences planned for January 14th and February 4th. Provided below is information on each of these events. There is no charge for these classes, but seating is limited, so registration is required. Please register by contacting Trisha DeGrand at (906)789-0558 x231, tdegraqd@jobforce.org For more information about services provided by the PTAC, contact Don Makowski, PTAC Procurement Counselor at (906)789-0558 x244, dmakowsk@jobforce.org

PTAC Offers Government Contracting Class in Escanaba with Video Conference to Houghton

On January 14th, businesses are encouraged to attend "Federal Government Contracting 101" which will be held at the Job Force Board Conference Room, 2950 College Ave., Escanaba. The class is also offered as a video conference at the Lakeshore Center,

City of Houghton Waterfront, 600 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton.

The presenter for this video conference will be Don Makowski. During the class, participants will learn how to classify their products or services using NAICS and PSC/FSC codes and how to register their business using the Central Contractor Register. Various small business programs will be discussed along with marketing strategies and other services provided by the PTAC.

The class and video conference will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

PTAC Hosting Video Conference to Help Companies Win State Government Construction Contracts

To help local business owners win state government construction contracts, the Department of Management and Budget, Facilities Administration is conducting a "Buy Michigan First" video conference for "Design & Construction" in Marquette on February 4th.

Patrick Mullen from Facilities Administra-



Don Makowski Procurement Counselor for PTAC, Michigan Works! The Job Force Board teaches local businesses how to do business with the government.

tion will speak on topics such as bidding opportunities, how to register as a State vendor, free resources for research and bid preparation, and navigating the State contracting process. Also addressing the attendees will be the Director of the Design & Construction Division, Robert Hall, and Facilities Administration Director, George Hakim.

Starting December 1, 2009, design and construction bids will be posted on the State's new bid posting website - www.Bid4Michigan.com. The State's Department of Management and Budget, Facilities Administration has a contract portfolio worth millions of dollars.

The event will be held on Thursday, February 4th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Michigan Works! Service Center, 1498 O'Dovero Drive in Marquette. Registration check in begins at 12:30 p.m.



Michigan Works! and Liberty Tax Working Together

Before being immersed into a three-hour training session two days a week, several residents of Marquette County start their day with a warm cup of coffee provided by the Michigan Works! staff. The instructions they receive thereafter are intended to teach them how to prepare individual taxes and prime them for the Liberty Tax certification program examination.

Over the seven week session, Denise Makosky, Liberty Tax instructor, travels from her office in Escanaba to present tax assessment materials using the facilities and resources available at Michigan Works! "This is the biggest training tool to hire for the company," said Michele Mayville-Cole, Liberty Tax Official. "We have

used the Michigan Works! office in Escanaba for previous sessions, so that's why we went to the one in Marquette – our experience has always been great and the staff is very accommodating."

Once the training concludes, and after the candidates complete the certification test, Liberty Tax officials plan to hire applicants from this pool to represent the Liberty Tax office in Marquette (which will open in the near future). "We want to employ local people for the office in Marquette and we plan to hire from the current class," indicated Mayville-Cole. "We're looking forward to become a part of the Marquette community," she added.

Liberty Tax will be offering a Rapid Tax class during the first week of January and expects to hire for other positions within the company after the New Year.



Hire Veterans First



Paul Arsenault, President of Concepts Consulting and Michigan Works! Job Force Board member awards Jeffrey Lipovetz, Cliffs General Manager of Michigan Operations the 2009 Hire Vets First Business of the Year award.

Cliffs Natural Resources was recently recognized by Michigan Works! The Job Force Board for their commitment to hiring our nation's veterans. As one of our major regional employers, Cliffs Natural Resources employs more than a 130 veterans and this was a wonderful opportunity to recognize their commitment to hiring veterans, noted Paul Arsenault, Chair of the Six

County Employment Alliance Board and Job Force Board member."

"There is a high-level of training on teamwork, cooperation, leadership, motivation," said Cliffs Administrator of Employee Relations, Troy Sarles, "and those are the qualities that we look for in an employees of Cliffs."

General Brown served in the Philippines as member of the U.S. Marine Corp and knows firsthand the difficulties of finding employment after getting out of the military.

"Sometimes it can be a struggle coming back from such a structured environment and things," said General Brown, "so to be able to get into a company or find employment is very good."

November is "Hire Vets First" month. This national program was created to develop awareness among employers about the value of hiring veterans. Michigan Works! The Job Force Board remains committed to continuing to find employment opportunities for our veterans and recognizing local businesses that share the same values.

Another Success Story!



Matt Nash in front of TradeHome Store, Westwood Mall- Marquette, MI

Matt Nash is a shining example of connecting the right people with the right careers. With the help of Michigan Works! Matt was able to obtain the Assistant Manager position with Trade Home back in March, 2009. His initial position started as a part-time with the potential of full-time and placement into a Managerial Development Program. Matt credits his success in finding and obtaining this position to the help he received from the Michigan Works! Human Resource Specialists in Marquette. Like so many other job seekers, the ability to express skills in writing as well as in a face-to-face in-

terview, is often very difficult. Matt says he was no exception and decided to take advantage of the services available such as resume writing and interviewing workshops.

Trade Home is a privately held company with multiple stores in 16 States. All owners of the company have worked their way up from within. They came from part-time and assistant positions (such as Matt) and they know what managers go through. Additionally all promotions are performance based and it is apparent from Matt's comments that he enjoys working in an environment where he can be successful based on his hard work and dedication.

Matt's success does not stop here; shortly after his initial hiring he was selected for a fast-track Managerial Development Program and will soon be promoted to the position of Store Manager. In his new position he will be responsible for many aspects of the business including the hiring of his replacement. Matt has already approached Michigan Works to assist with the search for another successful candidate. We are delighted in Matt's success and wish him a long and successful career. Congratulations Matt Nash of Trade Home.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 11, 2010

Business After Hours

Lake Superior Hospice

Location: TBD

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST

For More Information Call LSCP at 888.578.6489

January 20, 2010

Business After Hours

Jon's Auto and The Point

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST

Location: TBD

For More Information Call LSCP at 888.578.6489

January 25, 2010

Toastmasters

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Location: Peninsula Medical Center 1414 West Fair

For More Information call 906.360.9765 or

visit www.superiorlandtoastmasters.org

January 27, 2010

Business After Hours

WLUC TV6

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 p.m. EST

Location: Pacino's

For More Information Call Delta County Chamber of Commerce at 906.786.2192

January 27, 2010

Starting a Business Workshop (MI-SBTDC)

Location: Michigan Works! Service Center in Delta County

Time: Noon - 2:00 pm EST

January 29, 2010

Starting a Business Workshop (MI-SBTDC)

Location: Michigan Works! Service Center in Marquette County

Time: Noon - 2:00 pm EST

January 29, 2010

Operation Action UP Annual Meeting

For More Information Call Operation Action UP at 906.226.6591

January 30, 2010

9th Annual Health & Safety Conference

Location: Bay College Joseph Heirman Center

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm EST

For More Information Call Renée Lundberg, Manager, Programs and M-TEC Grants 906.789.6902, ext. 1535.

February 24, 2010

Starting a Business Workshop (MI-SBTDC)

Location: Michigan Works! Service Center in Delta County

Time: Noon - 2:00 pm EST

February 26, 2010

Starting a Business Workshop (MI-SBTDC)

Location: Michigan Works! Service Center in Marquette County

Time: Noon - 2:00 pm EST

Michigan InfraGard Elects New Executive Board For 2010 & Announces Annual Conference



Beau Boden, CIO Michigan Works! The Job Force Board, has been named Vice President for Michigan InfraGard.

DETROIT – Michigan InfraGard has elected a new board for 2010 with former President Rod Kinghorn, General Director, Global Security, CVO General Motors, handing the reigns to Dr. Faith Heikkila, Regional Security Services Manager, Pivot Group.

Kinghorn has assumed Chairman, replacing State of Michigan Chief Technical Officer Dan Lohrmann. Beau Boden, CIO Michigan

Works! The Job Force Board, has been named Vice President, while Trent Carpenter, State of Michigan Chief Information Security Officer joins the group as Secretary. Returning as Treasurer is Tom Raupp and as Chief Communications Officer, Hans Erickson, CIO, Detroit Regional Chamber. Directors at large include Scott Hiipikka, John Montville and Sharon Wiegand. Larry Shattuck remains Midwest Regional Representative.

Michigan InfraGard is a Public-Private Partnership for professional networking and mutual aid. In the Michigan InfraGard Members Alliance Chapter, you will find an amazing breadth and depth of resources led by a diverse set of knowledgeable experts whom you can access to help solve your business problems and plan the future of your enterprise. You will meet people from industry, government and academia at our members meetings. You can anticipate their cooperation later, in confidence and with privacy. It is the people of InfraGard that make it work.

Michigan InfraGard brings you face-to-face with regional expertise, while connecting you to the resources of the FBI and DHS. Through the FBI, members have access to information that is not available to the general public, from an intelligence base encompassing multiple government

agencies, national, and global sources.

March 10, 2009, Michigan InfraGard Chapter is hosting a one-day conference: "Securing the Next Decade: Great Lakes 2010 InfraGard Conference" at the Fetzer Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Cost: \$100 for non-members and \$80 for InfraGard members

The FBI Cyber squad will provide presentations on cyber related events. There will be a members-only session with Mark Bowling, Detroit FBI SSA. Leaders in their industries will discuss the following critical infrastructures: Information Technology, Communications, Healthcare and Finance/Banking.

If interested in a sponsorship opportunity, please contact faith.heikkila@infragard.org.

For more information on InfraGard, contact Beau Boden at beau@jobforce.org, or visit <http://www.infragard.net/chapters/michigan/>



Welcome Superior Hydroponics!



Co-owners Dave Vaughan (left) and Jerry Lancour (right).

When Dave Vaughan and Jerry Lancour decided to start a business they combined their passions of quality home grown products, educating people, and year-round growing to start Superior Hydroponics. The company located at 100 Floden Rd

Gwinn, MI (3 miles south of the Crossroads on 553), now only in their tenth week of business, has seen a fantastic interest from a varied customer base.

Owners Jerry and Dave say that while most of their customers are "individuals or home hobbyist" they have also seen an interest from area restaurants. Jerry states that local restaurants are very interested in finding ways to provide customers freshly grown vegetables, herbs, and spices on their menus and in their prepared dishes. Many restaurant owners understand that today's well informed customers know and appreciate the extra efforts put in the prepara-

tion of their food.

Superior Hydroponics future expansion plans include the development and construction of large green houses on-site to demonstrate the use of hydroponics in commercial applications. The owners see a bright future for year-round growing of produce in larger production facilities and they are anxiously looking to provide the service for their future commercial customers.

Both Dave and Jerry have a passion to ensure they provide quality products, service, and education to their customers about hydroponics while continuing to provide the customer service we have come to expect from area business in the UP. For more information visit their website <http://superiorhydro.com> or stop by to visit and see what they can do for you.

Welcome and congratulations to entrepreneurs Dave Vaughan and Jerry Lancour of Superior Hydroponics from Michigan Works! The Job Force Board.

Negaunee Earns the Bronze Award for Focusing on Community Design

The City of Negaunee was awarded a Bronze level award for its participation in the 2009 Promoting Active Communities (PAC) program to evaluate how they could make their hometown more active, livable and economically viable by designing for physical activity.

Through the 2009 Michigan Works! Earn While You Learn Summer Youth Project a work crew of 7 youth and one worksite supervisor were assigned to aid the Recreation Department in completing a Promoting Active Communities evaluation. The youth ranged in ages from 14 to 21 years of age and worked 10 weeks in July and August. In addition to this assignment they also assessed and rehabilitated the Football Field Park and Anne Street Park, developed a resource directory of local businesses, and developed a presentation summarizing their park assessment and rehabilitation project.

Michigan Works! The Job Force Board sends its congratulations and thanks to the City of Negaunee for providing an excellent opportunity for local youth this summer. Without these meaningful partnerships our youth would have had limited opportunities for quality work experiences.

The City of Negaunee will receive the award by Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and Michigan Department of Community Health for their at a ceremony in Lansing.

For more information on the Michigan Works! Earn While You Learn Summer Youth Program contact Deb Nedeau at 906.789.0558.



Congratulations to our City of Negaunee Work crew!

Top Row: Alex, Chad – Worksite Supervisor, Mike, Brittany, Mary

Bottom Row: Robert, Dillon, Mike

Growing the Workforce of Tomorrow... Today



Mrs. Petrie's Economics class in Iron Mountain

Economics teacher, Mrs. Pam Petrie of Iron Mountain High school has invited Michigan Works! back again this year to work with students on employability skills because she says, "They provide her students with worthwhile information relevant to their impending job searches."

Today's economy makes the job market fiercely competitive. Key points covered in the presentation for youth with little work history was not to undervalue their extracurricular or volunteer activities, to list their good attendance record, to demonstrate their teamwork through sports participation or school clubs. These are

all attributes our regional employers have indicated they would like to see in their applicants and workforce.

Michigan Works! The Job Force Board has been giving this presentation to Mrs. Petrie's high school seniors annually and is glad to have an opportunity to share their employability expertise on how to prepare for a successful employment quest with the senior class as they prepare for graduation.

For more information on how Michigan Works! can connect your classroom to business; contact your local Michigan Works! Service Center.

Delta Manufacturing... No Longer a Best Kept Secret

Delta Manufacturing's mission is to provide the railroad industry with quality parts and superior customer service. They strive to build and deliver as promised to each customer and to be a caring and helpful company keeping in mind each customer's needs. They wish to be known as a very caring and helpful team. Delta Manufacturing is committed to delivering their customers with the highest quality and most technologically advanced services and products at competitive prices.

The owners of this company are Harold and Jean Ross. In May 2006, Harold and Jean were approached by a group of seven individuals that had an idea of starting a new business servicing the rail industry with gear cases, plows, wear plates, miscellaneous items and specialty fabrication. After the initial approach of this business venture and numerous meetings, Harold and Jean agreed that this opportunity would benefit the community with new employment while offering the rail industry with top quality products and years of knowledgeable customer service. Within the first twelve months of operation the company had created more than 30 new jobs for Michigan.

The strategic business plan of Delta Manufacturing is to grow the company by 50% and has the potential to do so. The Railroad

industry has little competition but must meet strict quality standards. Delta Manufacturing received ISO certification as well as M-1003 which is the standard for the Association of American Railroads. This training has allowed Delta Manufacturing to increase production and provide excellent quality of product and customer service.

The Wheel Hog (CNC Portable Lathe) is Delta Manufacturing's answer to a new generation in precision wheel truing. A dual Wheel Hog CNC controlled Lathe System is also manufactured to cut axles for box cars. Both machines cut the time and cost for keeping the conformance of wheels which means less down time of the locomotives and no penalties for the customers. The Wheel Hogs are faster, cleaner and more precise than the traditional manual methods as well as being easy to move, set up and provide fast cycle time and a superior finish on the wheels.

Delta Manufacturing is truly one of the Upper Peninsula's fastest growing companies in the railroad industry.





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