Northwest Ohio Manufacturing Alliance (NOMA) Minutes

March 4, 2022, 8:30 am - 10:00 am

1. Eric Slack with Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio spoke about Goodwill programming and Good Rides. The Good Rides Program is a free, employer driven, 90-day employee transportation program to remove transportation as a barrier. Each participant will work with Goodwill Navigators to achieve long-term employment solution(s). Contact Eric Slack at [eslack@goodwillnwohio.org](mailto:eslack@goodwillnwohio.org) for more information. Scott Villar with Whitmer Career and Technology Center spoke about his partnership with Rosenboom, and how his students are being transported to work with Good Rides.
2. Erica Fischbach with Junior Achievement shared information about student learning experiences and JA Inspire taking place May 11th and 12th at the Glass City Center (former Seagate Center) for a hands on, exciting career discovery event for NW Ohio 8th and 12th grade students. Reach out to Erica at [erica.fischbach@ja.org](mailto:erica.fischbach@ja.org) for more information.
3. Jani Hatchett, with Great Lakes Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (GLTAAC), talked about Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF) where manufacturing companies who have been directly impacted by imports can receive up to $75,000 in matching funds for company projects. For more information, reach out to Jani at [hatchett@umich.edu](mailto:hatchett@umich.edu) for more information.
4. Paula Avila with the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce/Small Business Development Center spoke about International Market Access Grant for Exporters (IMAGE), Ohio Export Internship Program, International Market Support, and Export Assistance Programs. For more information reach out to Paula at [paula.avila@toledochamber.com](mailto:paula.avila@toledochamber.com).
5. Sara Swisher with the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce discussed the Ohio Manufacturers’ Association (OMA) quarterly meeting and updates on the Manufacturing Mentorship. For more information visit <https://workforcepartner.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Website-Info-3-31-21.pdf>, <https://www.ohiomfg.com/workforce-services/>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqQTGjOPjaU>.
6. Thank you to all that have written letters of support for the EDA Good Jobs Challenge Grant.
   1. OMA 13 community partners/schools and 15 employer letters of support
   2. Local Initiatives Support Corporation LISC 20 letters of support
7. 2022 dates for quarterly NOMA Membership Meetings and Tech Cred have been released.
8. Updates are taking place on the NOMA website <https://www.nomapartners.org/>. Please send logos, manufacturing information or events to [megan.stretavski@toledochamber.com](mailto:megan.stretavski@toledochamber.com).
9. Cherry Street Mission has students graduating Office Specialist and Building Trades programs in April and Welding and Auto Technology classes will be starting soon. Contact Tami Norris at [tnorris@cherrystreetmission.org](mailto:tnorris@cherrystreetmission.org) to connect with graduates for employment.