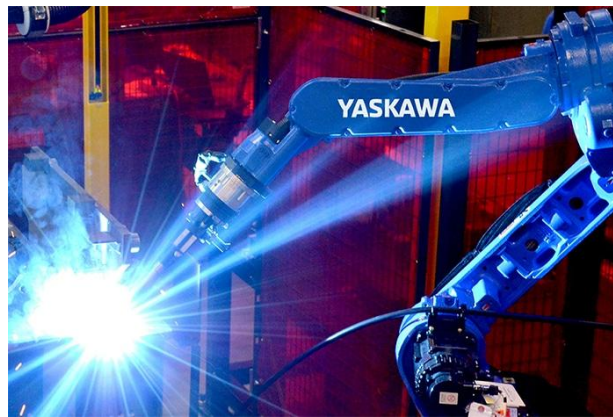




MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



BusinessFirst! Resource Meeting

We are excited to invite you to the **March 27th BusinessFirst! Outreach Specialist Meeting**, where we will explore robotics and automation, and industry trends shaping the future of manufacturing and logistics.

This event will feature expert insights from:

- Roger Christian – New Business Development Leader, Yaskawa America Motoman Robotics Division
- Mike Freed – Manufacturing Specialist, Workforce Development, Sinclair
- Adam Rain – Program Coordinator, Electronics, Robotics, and IST, Sinclair

They will share their expertise in robotics and automation, workforce development, and STEM innovation, offering real-world applications, industry challenges, and success stories especially from businesses that have leveraged robotics to enhance efficiency.

Attendees can Park in Parking Lot K, located [HERE](#). This event is being held in Building 13, located to the North of this lot.

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



**Department of
Development**

Minority Business Assistance Center

MBAC Series Benefits of State

Nuvasive Hiring Event

March 20, 2025
805 Liberty Lane, West Carrollton

NuVasive Manufacturing, a Globus Medical Company, is hiring CNC Machinists of all experience levels for 2nd and 3rd shifts in Dayton, OH!

Why Attend?

- On-the-spot job offers
- Sign-on bonuses up to \$2,000
- Work at our state-of-the-art, 180,000 ft² manufacturing facility
- Competitive pay, career growth opportunities, and great benefits
- Help improve patient lives around the world

Bring a copy of your resume (if available).

[NUVASIVE WEBSITE](#)



techstars_ Startup Weekend

March 20, 2025
805 Liberty Lane, West Carrollton

Build a startup in 54 thrilling hours
Mark your calendars for the next Techstars Startup Weekend, March 28-30, 2025!

Techstars Startup Weekend is an exciting and immersive foray into the world of startups. Over an action-packed three days, you'll meet the very best mentors, investors, co-founders and sponsors to show you how to get more done faster — and, maybe even start that business.

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)

Certification

March 20, 2025

Learn the benefits of becoming a MBE, WBE, VFBE or EDGE certified company, and how to apply!

If you are a minority-owned, woman-owned or veteran-friendly business, certification will help unlock doors for your business. Obtaining a certification will grant exclusive benefits and access to government contracts.

Join the Dayton Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) as we explain the types of certifications offered by the State of Ohio, the benefits of each and guiding you through the application process.

Workshop is complimentary. Registration is required.

[REGISTRATION](#)



Analyzing the Macro Economic Climate Affecting Dayton

March 21, 2025
Sinclair College - Ponitz Center

With a new POTUS, comes a new direction in policy. Will decisions at the national level play into the economic outlook of the Dayton region in 2025? Join us in hearing from Wright State University's Dr. Kevin Willardsen as he uses what he knows as an Economist to shed light on how Dayton will fair. Learn about different industry verticals and how some may benefit and other stay flat.

Join us for networking, breakfast and an update on the local economy.

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



Virtual Meetup - Workforce/HR

March 25, 2025

Workforce/Human Resources Meet Up is for anyone responsible for human resources or skilling up your manufacturing workforce. This roundtable discussion group covers topics ranging from recruitment/retention, building the workforce pipeline, training resources, funding sources, HR policies and practices, and others.

Thinking about an apprenticeship program but don't know where to start? Looking for a solution to find and retain a qualified workforce? DRMA is teaming up with Jobs for the Future, a nonprofit organization, to help manufacturers start up or join apprenticeship programs. Programs include machining, maintenance, tool & die, and many more. There's no cost to you—in fact, there's likely money to cover start-up and training costs for your workers.

FREE AND FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



Microenterprise Loan Program

March 20, 2025
805 Liberty Lane, West Carrollton

The City of Kettering's Microenterprise Loan Program features classes, networking, loans for micro-enterprises in our Ohio community. This program was developed in partnership with Kettering's Board of Community Relations, the Economic Development Department and the Community Development Division of the Planning and Development Department.

Those completing the 2025 class series may be eligible to apply for a matching forgivable loan, offering eligible businesses a reimbursement of up to \$8,000. To apply, businesses must have at least two years of operating income and have 5 or fewer employees including the owner who must be



Empower Information Session 2025

April 2, 2025
NCR Country Club

Join us to learn more about Empower, a 10-month cohort, blending professional business coaching with innovative curriculum and problem solving, designed exclusively for mid- to upper-level management women business leaders. The Dayton Area Chamber has partnered with the world class leadership & training development center, **Aileron**, to offer the Empower program to the Dayton area business community. This unique partnership will provide Empower participants with in-depth leadership workshops combined with engaging day-sessions, business coaching, and an extensive network of training support. The online application for Cohort 8 will open on www.DaytonChamber.org in Spring 2025.

[REGISTRATION](#)



The Ohio Food Industry Summit

April 2, 2025
Lewis Center, Ohio

The Ohio Food Industry Summit is the premier event for food processors and industry partners looking to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving marketplace. This annual gathering brings together business leaders, innovators, and experts to discuss the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the food industry.

Through insightful keynote presentations, engaging discussions, and valuable networking opportunities, attendees will gain actionable strategies to enhance

of low to moderate income.

For more information, please contact [Angela Rahman](#) at 937-296-2524 or [Ky Gantt](#) at 937-296-3342.

PROGRAM & COURSE DETAILS



Ohio GovTech Summit

April 9 2025, 1 - 6:30 pm
Ohio Statehouse Atrium, Columbus

Join us at the 5th annual Ohio GovTech Summit presented by AT&T on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at the Ohio Statehouse.

OhioX's premier program exploring the intersection of technology and government, the GovTech Summit brings together government officials, tech leaders, and innovators to discuss emerging trends, cutting-edge solutions, and the future of GovTech in Ohio.

With an engaging afternoon program featuring expert speakers, dynamic panels, and actionable insights, followed by an in-person reception, this event is your opportunity to connect, learn, and help shape Ohio's innovation future.

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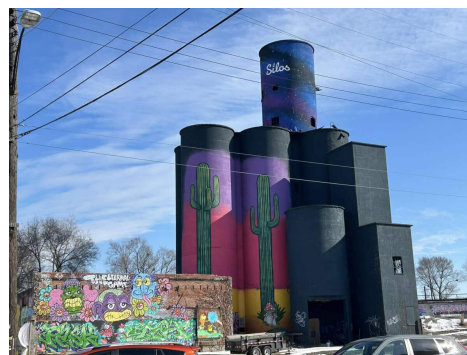


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operations, drive innovation, and navigate the future of food processing and manufacturing. Whether you're focused on improving production efficiency, strengthening food safety measures, or adopting cutting-edge technology, the Ohio Food Industry Summit is the place to connect, learn, and grow.

SUMMIT REGISTRATION

SUMMIT INFORMATION



I70/75 Networking Event: The Silos

April 9, 2025
The Silos, Dayton

Mingle with I70-/75 at Dayton's hottest new hangout, The Silos. Just down the street from Second Street Market, this food hall and beer garden is a must visit. Come for an evening of networking and hear from one of the Silo's founder's Wes Harshorn on how this native Daytonian has developed an abandoned building into what it is today.

Early Registration is encouraged as tickets are limited.

REGISTRATION



Ohio Tech Summit

May 8, 2025 - 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

2025 Spring Job Fair

April 17, 2025, 12 - 4 pm
University of Dayton Arena

Each year, OhioMeansJobs – Montgomery County holds several large job fairs to connect you with local businesses who are hiring. The Spring Job Fair, brings together many Dayton-area companies, and they're all looking for top talent in the region.

[**EVENT FLYER**](#)

[**EMPLOYER REGISTRATION**](#)



DDC Fly-in

May 12-14, 2025

The Dayton Region hosts one of the United States' most extensive and enduring community-wide programs, known as the Fly-In. This initiative, launched in 1984 by the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, continues annually with the primary objective of bridging the gap between local interests and federal governance in Washington D.C.

Each year, local leaders visit Washington, D.C. to engage with federal officials, advocate for regional interests, promote economic development, and improve quality of life. The highlight is a Capitol Hill reception, offering networking with lawmakers and business leaders interested in Ohio.

[**EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION**](#)

Ohio Union, Columbus

Brought to you by **OhioX**, the Ohio Tech Summit presented by Verizon is a full day of content and experiences where Ohio tech shows-off and features high-profile speakers, tech demos, and networking. Tech pros from across Ohio (and beyond) attend the Summit.

The 4th Annual Ohio Tech Summit will focus on advancing Ohio's role as a leading technology hub. This premier event will bring together the brightest minds from across Ohio's technology sector, including enterprise leaders, innovative startups, investors, and more, to collaborate and envision the future of tech in Ohio.

[**EVENT REGISTRATION**](#)

[**EVENT WEBSITE**](#)



NATO Parliamentary Assembly 2025 Spring Session

May 23-26, 2025

The NATO Parliamentary Assembly was created in 1955 to serve as a link between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the parliaments of the now 32 NATO nations, with the most recent additions being Finland (2023) and Sweden (2024). The United States has not hosted a session since the Annual Session in Orlando, FL, in the Fall of 2003. The U.S. has never hosted a Spring Session of the Assembly until Dayton 2025, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords.

[**EVENT WEBSITE**](#)

Created in 2001, the nationally recognized BusinessFirst! program uses a customer oriented approach to economic development that connects businesses to resources in the Dayton Region. We are the single-point of



contact for all of your business needs.
BusinessFirst! has provided assistance to over
7,800 businesses in the Greater Dayton Region
- we are here to assist your company, too.

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