

News of Interest to EAMA RSP

March 2025

1. *Small Business Trends Online* article (3/10/25): The Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the launch of the Made in America Manufacturing Initiative, an effort aimed at revitalizing American manufacturing by cutting regulations, expanding access to capital, and strengthening supply chains. Read about the key components of the initiative [here](#).
2. *CT News Junkie* article (3/7/25): Advocates, including EWIB President Michael Nogelo, stress the importance of funding for the Connecticut Youth Employment Program (CYEP). Jenna Grasso from CBIA commented that “Connecticut employers, who are already struggling with a workforce shortage, want to connect with young workers and bring them into their businesses. Connecticut’s youth deserve access to programs that strengthen workforce pipelines and enable career opportunities.” Read more [here](#).
3. *CBIA* article (3/4/25): With recent changes in federal immigration policy, many manufacturers are feeling anxious about visits from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and uncertain about what to do should such a visit occur. While ICE enforcement activity at ordinary places of business may be unlikely, it is best that manufacturers be prepared. Read their suggestions [here](#).
4. *Norwich Bulletin* article (2/26/25) (Paywall): This article explores Electric Boat’s hiring plans for 2025, which include at least 10% of the 3,000 anticipated hires this year to be recent high school graduates. EAMA RSP Chair Chris Jewell, of Collins & Jewell noted that while EB’s hiring has slowed, this provides an opportunity for the members of EAMA RSP to hire graduates of the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI). Read the article [here](#).
5. *Federal Reserve Bank of Boston* article (2/21/25): Federal Reserve Bank of Boston president Susan Collins visited Connecticut to tour and learn more about Eastern CT’s Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI). She visited Electric Boat and the MPI training site at Ella T. Grasso Technical High School in Groton, where she heard from EAMA RSP companies and support partners about the MPI’s demand-driven approach and employer-led partnership. Read the article [here](#) or her remarks on YouTube [here](#).
6. *CBIA* article (1/21/25): Connecticut’s Manufacturing Innovation Fund (MIF) was created in 2015 to support the growth, innovation, and progress of the state’s advanced manufacturing sector. The fund’s fiscal year 2024 report details its support of Connecticut’s critical manufacturing sector, including facilitating access to financial resources, technical expertise, and skilled workers. Administered by the Dept. of Economic and Community Development’s Office of Manufacturing and overseen by an advisory board, the fund provides direct loans and/or grants to support an array of initiatives for manufacturers. Read the annual report [here](#).
7. *The Day* article (1/19/25) (Paywall): SeCTer Director Paul Whitescarver describes how news of Electric Boat’s approved plan to build a 480,000-square-foot warehouse in rural North Stonington “represents on a large scale how the tentacles of the Thames River’s Blue Economy reach far from the banks of our region’s ‘working river’.” Also mentioned in the article is EAMA RSP member Forge 41, Inc. Read more [here](#).
8. *Governor Lamont News Release* (1/16/25): Administered by DECD, the Strategic Supply Chain Initiative is a \$25 million state grant program to help supply chain companies in Connecticut’s core industries expand and increase production capacity. The grant will also be used to attract supply chain operations from other states and internationally. Read details [here](#).

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