

Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association

2007 Accomplishments

This accomplishment list was based on a survey started in 06-and completed in 07

1. Need for available workforce

We decided there were 3-factors that were creating a negative effect on obtaining a younger workforce, There vision of what manufacturing was, Knowing what manufactures were in their own communities, and the number of disciplines that make up a manufacturing Business.

We started by helping to get Skills USA in our region

Bringing Solid Works into the High Schools

Network with tech prep coordinators from North Central Idaho and Southeastern Washington

Developing a manufacture to Educator mentor program

Provide Class tours

Provide tours for Educators

Attend Career Fairs

2. Skills of existing workforce

We have set-up training in welding, millwright, CNC both milling and turning, Basic Blueprint reading, Basic Measurements and provided companies with affordable on line training

3. Exporting or lack their- of

We started with 6-companies out of the 102 surveyed to know we have 31 that have the expertise to export

4. New product development

We had less than 10 companies that had new product ideas or were working on new products Strategy was to work with higher Ed and we have both provide opportunities for manufactures to take their ideas to higher 'Ed for assistance but also we have gotten new product prototypes from higher Ed for the manufactures

5. Financial needs assistance

Assist manufactures with financial needs by passing information on Grants, Loans and all types of financial services

6. Experts working with manufacturers

Identified experts in working with manufacturers in the professional areas, like finance, Business management, inventory control and just good business practices in general

7. Training

Work with groups like Idaho-Tech Help or Tech Connect or Washington Manufacturing Services in providing specialty areas of training, example Lean manufacturing, Export Tech and others

8. Meeting attendance

Constantly attend meeting in behalf of the Manufacturers to push the value of manufacturers to our economy