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**First Annual State Wide Tour of Manufacturing Planned for Saturday, October 29**  
*Manufacturing companies across the state will open their doors for public tours.*

Minneapolis — It's not every day the companies you pass on your way to work invite you in for a tour. On Saturday, October 29, manufacturing companies across the state of Minnesota will do just that. The date will mark the first annual, state-wide Tour of Manufacturing.

The Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association (MPMA), along with Arrowhead Manufacturers & Fabricators Association (AMFA), Central Minnesota Manufacturers Association (CMMA), and Tri-State Manufacturers' Association are reaching out to their member companies and encouraging them to open their doors for tours.

"Companies in the Mankato and St. Cloud areas have done a manufacturing tour day before," said Jaime Nolan, Executive Director of MPMA. "This is the first year all the associations have come together to make the tour day a state-wide event."

Open houses will be held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., though participating companies can choose the hours they are open. A map of the participating companies, including their open house hours can be found at [www.tourofmanufacturingmn.com](http://www.tourofmanufacturingmn.com).

"Every day we drive by shops that are making jet engine parts or surgical instruments," said Nolan. "We don't realize how high-tech these jobs really are, or how important they are to our economy."

For more information on the tours, or to learn how to participate please visit [www.tourofmanufacturingmn.com](http://www.tourofmanufacturingmn.com) or contact one of the following coordinators:



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### **About Manufacturing In Minnesota**

Manufacturing is the backbone of Minnesota's economy. With over 300,000 jobs statewide, the industry represents one in seven jobs, or 14 percent of all private-sector jobs. Manufacturing contributes more than \$30 billion to the state economy and represents 17 percent of Minnesota's gross domestic product.

Minnesota is a national leader in manufactured medical devices. Other industries served by Minnesota's manufacturers include: computer and electronic products, food manufacturing, fabricated metal products and machinery. The state's top manufactured export is computers and electronics, followed by machinery, medical devices and transportation equipment.

### **About Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association**

For over 50 years, the Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association has been the leading voice in the precision manufacturing industry in Minnesota. MPMA introduces, leads and supports the initiatives and education that keeps manufacturing in Minnesota a strong and vital component of the state's economy. For more information visit [www.mpma.com](http://www.mpma.com).

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