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Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties



MEDA 2014 Fall Conference & Showcase *Advancing Manufacturing in Maryland*

Thousands of manufacturing firms are elevating Maryland's profile in the world market every day. From defense electronics to specialty safety products, to consumable tasty treats, manufacturers throughout the state are employing over 100,000 Marylanders.

This global playing field and its trend from industrial to innovative will be the subject of the 2014 MEDA Fall Conference ["Advancing Manufacturing in Maryland."](#) Conference attendees will experience a showcase of Made In Maryland products, and hear from national and local speakers about opportunities in manufacturing that are yet to be realized.

Showcase: October 26th 1 - 5pm
Conference: October 27th 7:30am - 3:00pm

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Registration is \$80 for both days and \$20 for Sunday only

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Technology Validation Program

The Technology Validation Program includes two distinct phases- the Technical Validation Phase and the Market Assessment Phase. The Technical Validation Phase consists of awards of up to \$40,000 for proof-of-principle studies at a Maryland university. The Market Assessment provides up to \$10,000.

The goal of the Technology Validation Program is to foster the creation of more start-up companies based on technologies developed at Maryland's universities, not-for-profit research institutions, and federal laboratories. Universities and not-for-profit research institutions in Maryland are eligible to apply for both phases of the Technology Validation Program provided that they are not an active Qualifying University as defined in the Maryland Innovation Initiative statute.

Entrepreneurs considering the creation of a Maryland-based start-up company relying on a technology from an eligible university, a not-for-profit research institution in Maryland, or a federal lab in Maryland for its formation are eligible to apply directly for the Market Assessment Phase of the Technology Validation Program.

Apply on-line by clicking [here](#) or contact [Linda Saffer](#) at 410-715-4175.



Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce Annual Expo

The Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce's Spooktacular Expo 2014 will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm at Allegheny College of Maryland in the Gymnasium. This year's event is being sponsored by Allegheny College of Maryland Center for Continuing Education and U. S. Cellular. Chamber member restaurants are returning with tantalizing and delicious samples of their finest cuisine. The event is free and open to the public.

As part of the Expo, the Chamber will have a booth containing information on the myriad of activities and committees of the Chamber. The Chamber is looking for volunteers to donate their time to work the Chamber Booth and Registration. Time slots are in increments of 45 minutes beginning at 11:15 am and ending at 5:00 pm.

Please contact [Peg McKenzie](#) at 301-722-2820 for more details on becoming a volunteer.

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