

## Strengthening Relationships and **Industry Ties: The ADAMC/AMCC Roadshow Experience**

An ADAMC Success Story

The American Manufacturing Communities Collaborative (AMCC) and the Alabama Defense Advanced Manufacturing Community (ADAMC) organized a roadshow to introduce ADAMC, foster collaboration and highlight the mutual benefits of partnerships among industry, education, and other key stakeholders in the manufacturing ecosystem.



At the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation and Integration Center (AMIIC), the final workshop focused on enhancing the workforce ecosystem to better meet the needs of manufacturers. Co-hosted by the AMCC and ADAMC, the event gathered stakeholders from various sectors to discuss and develop strategies for improving workforce development metrics. Participants worked collaboratively to identify gaps in the current system, align on key indicators of training success, and explore methods to ensure that new workforce entrants are well-prepared for industry demands.

At Auburn University, the roadshow included a tour of the Interdisciplinary Center for Advanced Manufacturing Systems (ICAMS), hosted by Drs. Greg Purdy and Lewis Payton. The visit highlighted efforts to support industry and explored opportunities to enhance collaboration amongst stakeholders. The focus on the education and adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies and workforce development, is paving the way for future projects that will drive innovation and industry growth.

During the visit to Tuskegee University, the roadshow participants were introduced to the university's DoD manufacturing initiatives, education and research programs, and the Aerospace Education, Research, and Innovation Center (AERIC).

Discussions emphasized the role of AERIC in training future aerospace engineers and fostering partnerships with DoD laboratories and aerospace industries.

At Troy University, the roadshow toured the Center for Materials and Manufacturing Sciences, where participants learned about its support for industry and the DoD. Discussions covered industry engagement, success stories, and best practices.

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The industry resources workshop, co-hosted by the Dothan Chamber of Commerce and Southeast AlabamaWorks!, offered valuable insights and strategies for local industries. The event addressed workforce needs, fostered collaboration, and presented industry resources. By gathering stakeholders, workforce organizations, educators, and key manufacturing players, the workshop provided a platform to discuss challenges DOTHAN and explore solutions, enhancing the competitive edge of local industries.

By facilitating collaboration and partnerships, the AMCC / ADAMC Roadshow addressed a critical challenge for industries: awareness of local organizations and state-funded resources.