

This Letter outlines the Work Plan Direction for the CoHort in the next number of months and beyond:

An outcome from the May 17 Anoka Area Chamber Manufacture CoHort meeting was to review the discussion points on “new” areas for discovery in support of regional Manufacturing. These potential new topics would allow for additional value to be gathered from our effort and would run concurrently with the continuing effort we have in the workforce planning from the past few years. Here is a recap of the top scoring topics.

Top Scoring Item:

ALTERNATE WORKFORCE OPTIONS - This CoHort needs to understand alternate resources addressing workforce. What are the available pools of workforce and how does this CoHort get access to these groups?

The Next Three Scored Equal:

NEXT LEVEL SKILL SETS - The CoHort should collectively work on broad opportunities addressing "skill sets to take to the next level" impacting manufacturing. Both internal and external.

TECHONOLOGY TRENDS - You believe that understanding new applications and trends with Technology would be valuable to the CoHort.

AUTOMATION - You believe that Automation would be an important area to explore.

The Third Highest Scoring item:

NEW HR COHORT - I would believe that the creation of an HR CoHort facilitated by the Anoka Area Chamber would be a valuable addition to Chamber members.

The Last Four Rounded Out The Questions:

FORECASTING - The CoHort should collectively work on broad forecasting questions impacting manufacturing.

COST OF GOODS - The CoHort peer to peer meeting would be a great way to identify common elements addressing Cost of Goods and ways to manage this issue.

TARRIFS - We need to understand how Tariffs impact Manufacturing.

LENDING RESOURCES - You may be or may not be in need of lending resources; but understanding and having a lending process in place would serve our current or future plans.

The moving forward plan will be to introduce the top sets of items in the next number of CoHort meetings.

