

2025 Impact Report



A Message From the President

AMIP continues to experience strong momentum as we champion manufacturing success through workforce talent development and innovation. Our impact is amplified by the quarterly events and monthly workshops that bring our members together—creating a space where manufacturers can exchange ideas, access critical resources, and strengthen the culture and competitiveness of their organizations!

Warm Regards,

Susan Whitman

President & Executive Director



A Year of Growth

AMIP had an incredibly successful year in 2025 and continues to grow our manufacturing members, community outreach, and improvement in economic prosperity for families in the Cincinnati region. We welcomed two new staff members, a new tour coordinator, and three new board members. We are pleased to present this impact report and celebrate where we will go next!

Impact Snapshot

67

People hired through WorkAdvance

2,754

Students reached during Manufacturing Month

\$350K

In grants used to support the SW Ohio Manufacturing Industry



Members meet with ODHE to discuss Instructor Shortages at Vaco

Increasing Our Capacity in 2025!

Our capabilities grew significantly with the addition of two key team members: Katie Peyton, AMIP Grants Manager, and Katie Myers, AMIP Education Training Manager. Their expertise, energy, and commitment strengthen AMIP’s ability to deliver meaningful programs and results. We are also grateful for the guidance and active engagement of our Board, led by Amy Meyer, Board Chair and Chris Leedy, Board Secretary and Incoming Board Chair, Drew Bathiany, Board Treasurer, and Dave Romp in grants support.



Katie Myers, Education Training Manager



Katie Peyton, Grants Project Manager

Projects Table

This year, we expanded the region’s talent pipeline through the continued success of WorkAdvance (formerly the Good Jobs Challenge). This initiative has helped launch new careers in manufacturing by providing recruitment, training, and wraparound support for emerging talent. We are building on this foundation with the Production Technician Earn-and-Learn training program and deepening partnerships with Career Technical Education (CTE), non-CTE schools, and community organizations, ensuring a strong and diverse future workforce. We also welcome Robin Rutschilling, recently retired from a distinguished career at Clippard to assist in technical training at our non-CTE high schools (piloted at Reading High School).



Projects Details

Outcome

WorkAdvance (formerly the Good Jobs Challenge)	Cohorts trained by AtWork, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative/Cincinnati Works, and LEAD Training	110 prospects 110 trained 67 placed 31 credentialed & placed
Manufacturer Membership Education and Growth	Relocation of technical talent, navigating tariffs, economic development programs, employee ownership	330 attendees at Quarterly events 309 attendees in workshops
Educator Externships	Impact of experience – curriculum created to teach in their classrooms Targeted teachers– compensated and continuing education credit	11 schools 20 educators Estimated 3000 students impacted by lesson plans created as a result of Externships!
Neurodiverse Job Seekers	Aspiritech Academy - Job Seekers who identify as neurodiverse were trained in Quality Assurance/Quality Control over a 6-week period “Expanding Growth & Productivity with Neurodiverse Talent” trained manufacturers in how to employ and retain individuals with a wide variety of unique abilities.	8 Candidates Trained 30 Manufacturers learned best practices for hiring and maintaining neurodiverse individual
Production Technician Program	5 Companies engaged in the May 2026 pilot: 1. Cincinnati Metal Fabricating 2. FESTO 3. GMI Companies 4. Aero Velocity 5. Metalworking Group	1-Year Earn and Learn Program to develop the next generation of manufacturing makers with foundational credentials and work experience
Auto and Advanced Mobility (A&AM) Super Rapids (SR) Grant	Super Rapids AMIP led the project in collaboration with the OMA, our region’s manufacturers, and education institutions and workforce development stakeholders. AMIP led a competitive bid process for SR funding for equipment investments and related project facility enhancements, to be used for training individuals for specific A&AM occupations. This process resulted in \$1MM being allocated to 8 post graduate schools to purchase equipment to train the next generation of advanced manufacturing professionals.	Competing higher education institutions included: • University of Cincinnati • University of Cincinnati - Clermont • Miami University • Sinclair Community College • Warren County Career Center • Butler Tech • Great Oaks Career Campuses • Brown County Career Center

Manufacturing Month 2025

In October and November, AMIP Cincy and our partners reached approximately 3,000 young people through manufacturing site tours and awareness events. We are extremely grateful to Karen Kranak for coordinating. Our greater Cincinnati region hosted over 30 Manufacturing Month tours at 20 employers!



MFG Month opportunities were organized in partnership with LEAD Training, Sinclair Mason, the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, Navigo and Butler Tech!



Thank you all partners for a successful Manufacturing Month!

19 Events and Workshops

In 2025, we partnered with members and friends to offer 30 events including Quarterly Member Events, professional networking socials, and educational workshops on topics our members requested. Quarterly Events included:



Some of the Workshop Topics Were:

- Virtual Career Fair for Veterans
- Recovery Friendly Cincinnati – Resources for Employee Resilience
- AI in the Office
- Talking Tariffs – Securing Customers and Supply Chain
- Neurodiversity as a Productivity Superpower
- FutureProof Manufacturing – Maximizing Resources, Management Leadership, Engaging the Status Quo.
- Upskilling the Ohio Workforce
- Economic Development – Resources to Build Regional Manufacturing

What Topics Will We Cover in 2026?

In 2026 we will continue to be the voice of our manufacturers and respond to ever-evolving needs. Topics slated for 2026 include resilient workspaces, leadership development, workplace culture, and AI/Innovation!

Have an Idea for a Great Workshop?

Let Katie P. know!
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We Couldn't Do It Without You.

At the heart of AMIP's success are our manufacturing, education, and community partners. Your dedication, collaboration, and countless hours of support elevate not only AMIP but the entire regional manufacturing ecosystem. Together, we are shaping a vibrant, innovative future for manufacturing in Southwestern Ohio. To our AMIP Cincy members and board: thank you for helping us impact our manufacturing community.

How Has AMIP Been Serving You and What Can We Do Better?

Take our survey here!



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