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The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce is one of the largest Chambers in the state of Connecticut serving over 1,600 member businesses across our region. We also represent exceptional organizations that are key employers and valued business sectors to our economy in the manufacturing arena, New England Spring and Metalstamping Association (NESMA), and Connecticut Tooling and Machining Association (CTMA).

**Our Mission:**

The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce focuses on three main tenets: economic growth, advocacy for our members and member development. If we are successful in these areas, we will not only grow the Chamber, but we will also create an environment of success for our communities.

**Our Goals:**

**Economic Growth** – To grow and diversify the business community throughout Connecticut. Developing new sources of capital, connecting businesses both large and small with community leaders and working with elected officials to create an environment where business will thrive.

**Legislative & Governmental Advocacy** – To take any and all actions necessary to be a voice for our members at the federal, state and local level. To continue to work toward creating a business environment in Connecticut that is pro-growth, pro-investment and encourages the entrepreneurial spirit.

**Membership Development** – To continue to grow our membership not just in numbers, but in their involvement with us in the process of economic development and advocacy. To work with each member to help them build their strengths, mitigate their weaknesses and become better businesspeople.

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## Other Strategic Partnerships:

**Connecticut Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (CACCE)** – Comprised of several Connecticut Chambers as a cross functional group where best practices are shared and educational programming for executives and staff are held.

**Tunxis Community College** – The Central CT Chambers of Commerce has a long-term partnership with Tunxis and has been instrumental in the evolution of their Advance Manufacturing programming and upcoming new Advanced Manufacturing Center.

**Bristol Technical Advisory Council** – Bristol Technical Advisory Council was created in June of 2014 to match the technical business community to the educational community so both groups could understand the needs of the workforce and to support the requirements of the Carl D. Perkins Grant.

**Bristol Adult Education** – The Central CT Chambers of Commerce works very closely with the leadership of Bristol Adult Education to assist where needed with programming, as well as helping with job placement upon graduation.

## Industry Focused Events and Programming:

- Small Business Owners
- Manufacturing
- Life Sciences
- Health Care
- Legislative

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## Manufacturing Affiliations:

**New England Spring and Metalstamping Association (NESMA)** – Although NESMA is proud to have roots dating back to its formation in 1956, today it is a modern, dynamic organization dedicated to helping its members stay at the cutting edge of their field. The Spring and Metalstamping industry employs thousands of people in the New England area, and plays an important role in the local, national and global economies. NESMA provides a powerful voice for the people of this industry, advocating for political policies that help local manufacturers compete in today's economy, in addition to providing education, workforce training, networking and other events that benefit the community. NESMA's board of elected industry professionals works tirelessly to provide access to information on key issues that affect industry businesses and their bottom lines.

**Connecticut Tooling and Machining Association (CTMA)** – CTMA was one of the founding chapters of the National Tooling and Machining Association, which was formed as the National Tool & Die Manufacturer's Association (NTDMA) in 1943. The NTDMA was founded with five main goals. First among them was to "represent its members and industry in relationships with government." The main focus during World War II was to convince the federal government not to draft tool and die makers as a lack of skilled labor would have had a devastating effect on the war effort. Workforce development and government relations continue to be key objectives of the association today. CTMA's mission is to lead the membership toward superior competitiveness and profitability by being the total resource for information, education, training and association services for the innovative tooling and machining company.

**Connecticut Manufacturers' Collaborative (CMC)** – The Connecticut Manufacturers' Collaborative is comprised of all the major regional and statewide manufacturing member organizations across Connecticut. CMC is a "single voice" for Connecticut manufacturing. Through CMC's list of strategic initiatives several key legislative priorities have emerged.

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