

## **Productive Resources Leads Efforts to Address Manufacturing Workforce Gaps January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Productive Resources, LLC, a Springfield, Illinois-based company, is at the forefront of addressing critical manufacturing workforce challenges through its partnership with the Department of Defense (DoD). Under the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) program, Productive Resources has spearheaded innovative projects aimed at strengthening the U.S. industrial base and ensuring a robust pipeline of skilled workers.

### **Workforce Analysis in Northeast Wisconsin**

As part of the IBAS program, Productive Resources conducted a comprehensive workforce analysis in Northeast Wisconsin. The study identified key gaps between manufacturers' workforce needs and the output of local educational institutions. The findings highlighted shortages in high-demand roles such as machinists, limited interest in advanced manufacturing fields, and the need to update curriculum to better align with industry demands.

“Our data-driven approach provides actionable insights to address workforce gaps and equip stakeholders with the tools needed to strengthen the skilled labor pipeline,” said Michael Harmon, Senior Vice President of Productive Resources. The project included the development of a dynamic dashboard tool to track workforce trends and inform decision-making.

### **Supporting National Security and Manufacturing**

Productive Resources' work reflects its commitment to advancing America's manufacturing sector and supporting national security. By collaborating with educational institutions, industry partners, and government agencies, the company is helping to address critical workforce challenges while driving innovation and economic growth.

“We are proud to contribute our expertise and resources to these vital initiatives,” added Harmon. “Through projects like these, we are building a stronger, more resilient industrial base for the future.”

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