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**MANUFACTURING FORUM AGENDA**

2/14/20

**Registration and Networking**  7:30 am – 8:00 am

Free Continental breakfast provided

**Welcome by Kristin Carlson, President Peerless Precision**

**Opening/Welcoming Remarks** 8:00 am – 8:05 am

Robert LePage, Assistant Secretary, MA department of Higher Education

**Presentation of Regional Blueprint for Manufacturing** 8:05 am – 8:15 am

David Cruise, President & CEO Masshire Hampden County Workforce Board (MHHCWB)

**Mass Tech Collaborative Presentation** – M2I2 Opportunities 8:15 am – 8:35 am

Ira Moskowitz, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Programs, Mass Tech Collaborative

**Small Business Administration** – Federal Contracting Opportunities 8:35 am – 8:45 am

Oreste Varela, Branch Manager, U.S. Small Business Administration

**Electromechanical Staffing Needs and Workforce Development** 8:45 am – 8:55 am

Research)

Larry Martin, Director of Business Services and Market Research, MHHCWB

**Apprenticeships** 9:00 am – 9:20 am

Melissa Scibelli, Director of Workforce Development Programs, MHHCWB

Daniel McDonough, Vice President of Human Resources, Smith & Wesson

**Open Roundtable Discussion on Staffing Skills and Competencies**  9:20 am – 10:00 am

**For Existing and Near Future Workforce**

**Moderator:** Jen Brown Vice President, Business Development, United Personnel

**Subject Experts**:

Workforce Development: Larry Martin

Economic Development: Rick Sullivan

Legislators TBD

Employer: Rick Cookish