



## **April 19 Southwest CT Manufacturing Consortium Meeting Highlights Second Chance Initiatives**

WETHERSFIELD, April 11, 2017 – At the April meeting of the Southwest CT Manufacturing Consortium, manufacturers can learn more about second chance programs that are providing employers new opportunities to grow their manufacturing workforce.

The consortium will meet 1:30 to 3 p.m. April 19 at Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport. The topic is part of statewide and national efforts to build a stronger workforce while improving communities by providing jobs and reducing recidivism.

The meeting features a panel discussion focused on re-entry and second chance initiatives with panel members to include:

- John Santa: chair and founder of Malta Justice Initiative, and formerly CEO of Santa Energy
- Dan Braccio: Bridgeport Re-Entry Roundtable co-chair, and director of community and business relations for Career Resources, Inc.
- Adrienne Farrar Houel: Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises, Inc. president and CEO
- Mark Newton: Housatonic Community College second chance advanced manufacturing student and recipient of the Department of Correction Commissioner Scott Semple annual scholarship

The meeting will be held in Beacon Hall Event Center, Room 214-AB at the college. While admission to the April 19 meeting is free, pre-registration is requested. Please contact Lori-lynn Chatlos at [lorilynn.chatlos@ct.gov](mailto:lorilynn.chatlos@ct.gov) to register. Housatonic Community College is located at 900 Lafayette Boulevard in Bridgeport.

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