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Facility Tours Highlight New Mexico Manufacturers

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The New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership will celebrate the state's manufacturers on Oct. 4 by leading facility tours in Deming, Albuquerque and Farmington.

Manufacturing Day in New Mexico is part of an effort by MEP organizations nationwide to show the American public that many products are still proudly and efficiently "made in the U.S.A."

Local legislators, their field agents, customers, vendors and members of the general public are expected to spend the day visiting several New Mexico businesses that fabricate products used in major domestic industries.

New Mexico MEP works with such businesses every day, including many businesses on the tours, providing expertise and training in streamlined production and administrative practices. The nonprofit agency's goal is to help businesses create and retain jobs by becoming more efficient and competitive.



Manufacturing on the Map

In Deming, members of the public are invited to tour Compass Components, where workers assemble electrical components used in the transportation, semiconductor, solar-power and medical industries.

In Farmington, special invitees will tour Pesco Inc., which designs and builds production equipment used in the land-based oil and natural gas industries and also services that equipment in the field.

The Bernalillo-Sandoval Counties circuit will include three Albuquerque businesses and one business in Rio Rancho. Because of health laws or proprietary concerns, only two of these tours are open to the public.

Invited guests will visit Desert Paper and Envelope, a maker of high-tech envelopes and specialty paper products, and Marpac, which makes devices that secure medical tubes, such as tracheostomy collars.

Community members are welcome to join the tour at Captiva Group, the largest sheet-fed offset litho printing company in New Mexico, and at Lectrosonics, a 42-year-old Rio Rancho company that manufactures wireless microphones, portable amplifiers and public address systems and other audio processing tools used in the movie, television, broadcasting, music and theater industries.

Captiva Group produces printed material for the folding carton and packaging industries, and the company will give a demonstration of that craft during a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Captiva plans to serve pizza, while demonstrating to tour participants how pizza boxes are manufactured and printed. Lunch is free, but participants must preregister by calling (505) 314-9131.

For more information about Manufacturing Day activities, visit the New Mexico MEP website at newmexicomep.org or call 505-262-0921. To reserve a spot, call 505-314-9131 or email claudias@newmexicoMEP.org. Events are still being developed and are subject to change.

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