

April 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register today to secure your spot!

Keynotes, General & Breakout Sessions

- Opening Keynote: "Train Your Brain For Success"
- Closing Keynote: "Mission Possible: Riding the Waves of Diversity and Change"
- Lunch Presentation: 2019 Legislative Session Recap
- General Session: Workforce Panel
- Cybersecurity in Manufacturing; Why Should I Care?
- "Peeling the Onion" on Manufacturing Efficiency
- Improving Retention by Understanding What Employees Want
- Intense Innovation
- Understanding the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
- Production Scheduling and Management: Challenges and Improvement Opportunities

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Intense Innovation Workshop

Dickinson - June 4 • Grand Forks - June 6
Registration Deadline - May 28th

Business profitability and sustainability can be dramatically improved through innovation. This workshop teaches personal innovation skills, innovative idea creation, and a process for implementation.

You will learn how to identify and develop innovation skills, create new ideas for products and processes, explore the "Plan Do Study Act" cycle, and develop an action plan for moving forward.

This workshop includes a hands-on simulation and exercises that provide a visual and physical understanding of the importance of innovation in a business.

[Click here to register for Workshop](#)



Northrop Grumman, in collaboration with the USC Center for Economic Development, is offering free cybersecurity training to small businesses through an Air Force Small Business Office Mentor Protégé Program.

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Cybersecurity Workshop Training – DFARS 204.73 / NIST SP 800-171

Northrop Grumman is scheduling 40 all-day workshops across the U.S.

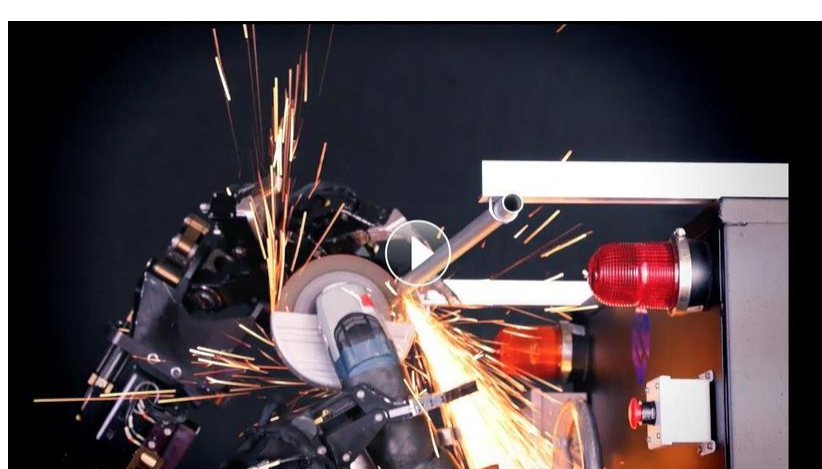
The primary purpose of the one-day 8-hour workshop is to ensure that small businesses are aware of the cybersecurity requirements mandated under Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 204.73. They will focus on understanding the risks associated with safeguarding controlled unclassified DoD information.

The workshops will focus on the groups of controls from NIST SP 800-171, with examples highlighting what happens when these controls are not implemented. By the end each workshop, you will become familiar with all 110 controls and be able to better identify the areas where you may need greater focus to meet the DoD's cybersecurity expectations.

[Click here for the details and registration.](#)

Meet the Future of the Workforce

Check out this video!



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Please [click here](#) to register or for more information on the following events.

Impacting Manufacturing Conference
April 30, 2019
Fargo, ND

Intense Innovation Workshops
June 4 - Dickinson
June 6 - Grand Forks

DLA Webinars
March 20
April 17
May 15
June 5
July 17
August 20
September 18

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Incentives 101

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! It feels like spring has finally sprung in North Dakota and construction season is just around the corner! Throughout the winter and into this spring, I have been working with a handful of manufacturers who are gearing up to break ground on new expansions. I bring this up, because if you've been sitting on the fence regarding your expansion plans, you may want to dig into the various incentives available to help make those plans pencil out. North Dakota has gained a reputation for establishing a business climate that is supportive of our primary industries, and manufacturing is no exception.

[Click here to read full article.](#)



Doing Business with Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

Monthly Webinars

Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) supplies 86 percent of the military's spare parts and nearly 100 percent of fuel and troop support consumables, manages the reutilization of military equipment, provides catalogs and other logistics information products and offers document automation and production services to a host of military and federal agencies. DLA consolidates requirements by supply chain and procures items in sufficient quantities to meet our customers' projected needs. Many of DLA's procured items are delivered directly from a commercial vendor. Other items are stored and distributed through a system of worldwide depots.

The purpose of this webinar is to give a more comprehensive overview about DLA and what the Office of Small Business Programs can do. We also give an overview of our major supply chains and provide information on how you can reach out to those offices for their requirements.

For more information about DLA, please [click here](#).

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