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Manufacturing Conference

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- Knowledge-sharing roundtable discussions
- Optional interactive half-day program including a complimentary, confidential leadership self-assessment

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Why Should You Attend this Conference?

The 2016 Manufacturing Conference will help you stay on top of the latest trends and tackle the most pressing challenges facing the manufacturing industry. Whether it's identifying best practices for data security or ramping up your supply chain responsiveness, this year's conference has it all.

Participants will receive practical tips on attracting and retaining millennial talent as well as delve into the evolving role of the finance department in becoming the hub for business intelligence. Plus, you'll have the unique opportunity to consult directly with your peers in small knowledge-sharing roundtable discussions.

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE HALF-DAY WORKSHOP:

Pre-Conference Details:

Date: October 25, 2016

Course Code: C42416

Location: Illinois CPA Society, 550 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 900, Chicago, IL

Time: 12:30 pm registration; 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm program

Pre-Conference Registration: \$180 members | \$230 non-members

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm | CPE: 4 hrs | FOS: 4 Personnel/HR

Leading in Today's Disruptive Business Environment: A Boot Camp for Finance Leaders

Speaker: Lee Eisenstaedt, Founder & CEO, Value Drivers, Chicago, IL

Disruption has become a way of life in business today. Learn how to identify blind spots to this disruption and analyze your perceptions in order to become a more effective leader.

Whether you are a CFO, Controller, VP of Finance, CEO or CIO, CMO or Board Member, this timely workshop will help you develop across-the-board strategies to build critical value for your company.

Key Takeaways:

- Identify the four types of employees that can either derail your plans or help you achieve them
- Discover the six key questions to frame a problem and identify the impact of addressing it

Agenda at a Glance

7:30 am - 7:50 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
7:50 am - 8:00 am	Conference Chair's Welcome and Overview of the Day
8:00 am - 8:50 am	U.S. Manufacturing Outlook
8:50 am - 9:40 am	Cybersecurity: Can You Secure Your Company in an Increasingly Mobile World?
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Networking Break
10:00 am - 10:50 am	Generate True Business Value: Turn Your Global Supply Chain into a Smart Chain
10:50 am - 11:40 am	Cloud Computing: How to Make it an Effective Part of Your Business
11:40 am - 12:40 pm	Networking Lunch
12:40 pm - 1:30 pm	Attract & Retain Millennial Talent for the Manufacturing Sector
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Knowledge-Sharing Roundtables
2:30 pm - 2:50 pm	Networking Break
2:50 pm - 3:40 pm	Evolving Role of the Finance Department
3:40 pm - 4:30 pm	The Internet of Things: Hey, Manufacturing. It's Here!

Conference Details:

Chicago

Date: October 26, 2016 **Course Code:** C42321

Location: Illinois CPA Society, 550 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 900, Chicago, IL

Time: 7:30 am registration; 8:00 am - 4:30 pm program

Early Bird Registration: \$330 members | \$415 non-members

Regular Conference Registration: \$355 members | \$440 non-members

Credits: Earn 8 CPE including 3 Computer Science, 2 Business Management/Organizations, 2 Specialized Knowledge & Applications and 1 Personnel/HR

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7:30 am – 7:50 am REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:50 am – 8:00 am Conference Chair's Welcome and Overview of the Day

Conference Chair: Bob Lindeman, Managing Director, The Overture Group LLC, Lisle, IL

8:00 am – 8:50 am

U.S. Manufacturing Outlook

1 Specialized Knowledge & Applications

Speakers: Karen Kurek, CPA, Industrial Products Partners, RSM, Chicago, IL

Bob Lindeman, Managing Director, The Overture Group LLC, Lisle, IL

Discover trends that are likely to shape manufacturing industries and impact businesses across a number of sectors in the coming year and beyond.

Key Takeaways:

- Learn the challenges and opportunities that are driven by global economic issues, product innovation, talent management, and energy disruption
 - Discover how the U.S. elections could impact the manufacturing sector
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8:50 am – 9:40 am

Cybersecurity: Can You Secure Your Company in an Increasingly Mobile World?

1 Computer Science

Speaker: Jerry Irvine, CIO/Partner, Prescient Solutions, Schaumburg, IL

Identify best practices for manufacturers to provide greater data and device security in a time of rising threat levels resulting from enhanced geolocation capabilities and an ever-increasing mobile adoption rate.

Key Takeaways:

- Develop policies and techniques to protect increasing volumes of data in an expanding mobile business environment
 - Understand how to approach cybersecurity policies and strategies in a broader and more encompassing way
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9:40 am – 10:00 am NETWORKING BREAK

10:00 am – 10:50 am

Generate True Business Value: Turn Your Global Supply Chain into a Smart Chain

1 Specialized Knowledge & Applications

Speaker: Gregg Hague, Partner, Supply Chain, Sikich, Naperville, IL

Customers are demanding more personalized products that can often lead to sudden disruptions and more costs for a manufacturer's supply chain. This session will focus on the strategies and technologies that can make your supply chain networks more responsive.

Key Takeaways:

- Gain insight into supply chain operations
- Learn why staying ahead of geopolitical trends can help supply chains achieve greater agility

10:50 am – 11:40 am

Cloud Computing: How to Make it an Effective Part of Your Business

1 Computer Science

Speaker: Jeff Sernick, Senior Account Executive, Meridian IT, Deerfield, IL

With more finance leaders having IT and operational responsibilities, it is important to better understand the impact the Cloud ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) can have on manufacturing organizations.

Key Takeaways:

- Learn how the Cloud can deliver on lower cost, real time information, accurate data and so much more
- Explore the variety of new key features that the Cloud is ready to deliver

11:40 am – 12:40 pm NETWORKING LUNCH

12:40 pm – 1:30 pm

Attract & Retain Millennial Talent for the Manufacturing Sector

1 Personnel/HR

Speakers: Jeff Carroll, former Director of Leadership Development, Northern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

Steve Lessaris, Senior Associate, The Overture Group LLC, Lisle, IL

There are thousands of jobs available in manufacturing, yet organizations are still challenged to

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match entry-level positions with millennial employees. Explore ways in which manufacturers can improve working environments, job descriptions and testing materials as they seek to attract and retain millennial workers.

Key Takeaways:

- Learn why companies have a hard time attracting younger individuals to join their ranks
- Manage younger workers' expectations about day-to-day working environments and long term career goals

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Knowledge-Sharing Roundtables

1 Business Management/Organizations

Get the best advice for your pressing issues from those who know your challenges the best: your peers. Participate in these small roundtable discussions, where you'll pick up new ideas and best practices.

Moderator: Tim Erdmann, Principal Consultant, Plante Moran

Topic: *Latest Continuous Improvement Practices*

Moderator: Tom Hutchinson, Vice President, Axion RMS, Ltd.

Topic: *Cost Management Trends in Healthcare*

Moderator: James W. Ahlborn, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Shure Incorporated

Topic: *Pension De-Risking*

Moderator: Brian White, Senior Consultant, DiMeo Schneider & Associates, L.L.C.

Topic: *Low-Interest Rates: Opportunities and Challenges*

Moderator: Ralph Gaillard, Chief Learning Director, Illinois CPA Society

Topic: *Getting a Handle on Big Data: Ideas from the Front Lines*

2:30 pm – 2:50 pm **NETWORKING BREAK**

2:50 pm – 3:40 pm

Evolving Role of the Finance Department

1 Business Management/Organizations

Moderator: Bob Lindeman, Managing Director, The Overture Group LLC, Lisle, IL

Panelists: James W. Ahlborn, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Shure Incorporated, Niles, IL

John J. Glazier Jr., CFO, ATF, Inc., Lincolnwood, IL

Joe Ridyrd, Vice President of Finance & CFO, Tempel, Chicago, IL

The finance department is evolving in the manufacturing sector. Learn how finance is leveraging technology across key finance and accounting processes to improve the control and visibility of data that will increase performance.

Key Takeaways:

- Discover how the finance department is becoming the core for business intelligence
- Leverage tools such as forecasting and internal controls to assure accurate financial reporting and proper compliance

3:40 pm – 4:30 pm

The Internet of Things: Hey, Manufacturing. It's Here!

1 Computer Science

Speaker: John Kleb, Partner, Strategic Technologies, Sikich, Naperville, IL

Every manufacturer in the industrial sector and market is affected by new technology and developments. Companies are updating technology that will drive industries to new levels of operation, efficiency, quality and response time.

Key Takeaways:

- Explore deployment of the Industrial IOT (Internet of Things) to increase productivity in the manufacturing sector

Special Thanks to Our Task Force:

Conference Chair: Bob Lindeman, Task Force Chair, Managing Director, The Overture Group LLC

Jim Ahlborn, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Shure Incorporated

John Glazier, Chief Financial Officer, ATF, Inc.

Karen Kurek, Partner, RSM US LLP

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