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**Ohio Job Demand For Advanced Manufacturing Professionals
Rises By Nearly 10 Percent In Last Four Years**

Over 700,000 Ohio workers employed in lightweighting-related occupations

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Job demand for advanced manufacturing occupations has increased by 9 percent over four years ago, with nearly 20,000 job postings in Q2 2017 —this according to a new report from LIFT - Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow.

Also, according to the report, 2017 is tracking to be the eighth consecutive year of employment growth with over 740,000 Ohio workers employed in lightweighting-related occupations – the greatest employment level since 2009.

The quarterly reports, highlighting the employment trends, top jobs, and required skills in advanced manufacturing through Q2 2017, are completed with research and analysis from the Workforce Intelligence Network of Southeast Michigan (WIN) and cover LIFT’s initial region, including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, home to more than 50 percent of the metalworking jobs in the country.

The top in-demand lightweighting-related occupations in Ohio in Q2 2017 were: Maintenance and Repair Workers (3,247 postings), Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers (2,890 postings), Mechanical Engineers (1,933 postings), Electrical Engineers (1,746 postings) and Production Workers (1,489 postings).

“While we continue to see manufacturing employment levels rise, it is critically important to ensure we are preparing students and incumbent workers with the right knowledge, skills and abilities to keep our manufacturing industrial base solid and our national security strong,” said Emily DeRocco, education and workforce director, LIFT. “I applaud The Ohio Manufacturers’ Association and its members for focusing their efforts on those goals.”

LIFT, operated by the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute (ALMMII) and one of the founding [Manufacturing USA](#) institutes, is a public-private partnership dedicated to developing and deploying advanced lightweight metal manufacturing technologies, and implementing education and training programs to better prepare the workforce today and in the future.

The full Ohio report can be viewed at: <http://lift.technology/education-workforce-development/>.

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ABOUT LIFT

LIFT is a Detroit-based, public-private partnership committed to the development and deployment of advanced lightweight metal manufacturing technologies, and implementing education and training initiatives to better prepare the workforce today and in the future. LIFT is one of the founding institutes of Manufacturing USA, and is funded in part by the Department of Defense with management through the Office of Naval Research. Visit www.lift.technology or follow on Twitter [@NewsFromLIFT](#) to learn more.

ABOUT WORKFORCE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

The Workforce Intelligence Network of Southeast Michigan (WIN) is a collaborative effort between nine community colleges and six Michigan Works! Agencies, in partnership with numerous other organizations, to create a comprehensive and cohesive workforce development system in Southeast Michigan that provides employers with the talent they need for success. WIN covers a 16-county area, including Genesee, Hillsdale, Huron, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne. WIN was founded with the support of the New Economy Initiative for Southeast Michigan and publicly launched in November 2011.