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## **OMA Applauds State Workforce Push to Speed Manufacturing Job Placement**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio manufacturers welcomed new workforce announcements Thursday aimed at moving Ohioans into jobs faster through employer-led, results-driven programs.

“These announcements are about placing people in jobs and supporting Ohio manufacturing,” said Ohio Manufacturers’ Association President Ryan Augsburger. “WorkOhio reflects Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel’s vision and leadership, building on what worked during the pandemic by establishing a statewide network of job coaches through seven regional grantees. The selection of MAGNET, the Northwest Ohio Manufacturing Alliance and the Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition underscores that employer-led partnerships deliver results. JobsOhio’s Experiential Learning Initiative reinforces the same point: earn-and-learn programs close skills gaps faster and put workers where Ohio manufacturers need them. We appreciate the continued commitment and alignment of our state partners to Ohio’s Manufacturing Workforce Blueprint, our unified statewide strategy.”

Together, the initiatives mark a shift from planning to placement, strengthening Ohio manufacturing’s workforce pipeline at a time when demand for skilled talent remains high. The announcements were advanced through the Governor’s Executive Workforce Board, which is focused on accelerating employer-led solutions that connect Ohioans to in-demand jobs.

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*The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association composed solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. It represents manufacturers of all sizes in every subsector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employing approximately 690,000 Ohioans and contributing more than \$138 billion annually to the economy. Visit [ohiomfg.com](http://ohiomfg.com), or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).*

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