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**EDC-VC TO HOLD MANUFACTURERS FORUM IN WEST COUNTY**  
**Free event will provide valuable information for local manufacturers**

**CAMARILLO, Calif.**—Fourteen percent of Ventura County’s jobs are in manufacturing, which is much higher than the state and national averages of 10.9 percent. To help strengthen this key employment base, the [Economic Development Collaborative-Ventura County](#) is holding a free business and information forum 7:30 – 10 a.m., May 13 at the Ventura City Hall, Community Room, 501 Poli Street, Ventura.

The forum will focus on greening the manufacturing process and new safety regulations. There also will be a discussion on the topic of sharing resource knowledge. Free or low-cost resource information will be available to attendees.

The deadline to register is May 10. For more information or to register, contact Mary Anne Rooney at (805) 384-1800 x25, or [gettradeinfo@edc-vc.com](mailto:gettradeinfo@edc-vc.com).

The [Manufacturing Outreach Program](#) was created to provide local manufacturers with low- or no-cost assistance in the areas of personalized business consultation, customized training, international trade, operating efficiencies, and job creation and retention. The program is open to all manufacturers in Ventura County and is funded by the Workforce Investment Board of Ventura County. It’s a partnership between EDC-VC, WIB, Job and Career Centers, the county of Ventura and its cities, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting, the Gas Company, Southern California Edison, Recycling Market Development Zone, and the Ventura County Community College District.

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EDC-VC held its first Manufacturers Forum in January and had 25 businesses attend the Simi Valley event. Attendees appreciated connecting to resources that will help them become more profitable. Many of the varied businesses that attended are now receiving assistance with strategic planning, marketing, transitioning to more efficient operations, workforce training, project management, access to capital and cash flow.

EDC-VC is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as a business-to-government liaison to assist businesses in Ventura County by offering programs that enhance the economic vitality of the region. For more information about EDC-VC's other services available to small businesses, contact Bruce Stenslie, president/CEO at 805-384-1800, ext. 21 or [bruce.stenslie@edc-vc.com](mailto:bruce.stenslie@edc-vc.com). You can also visit [www.edc-vc.com](http://www.edc-vc.com).

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