



# NEXT GENERATION RAIL SUPPLY CHAIN FORUM

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Connecting rail OEMs and manufacturers interested in becoming suppliers to support intermodal transportation in the U.S.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) recently formed a partnership to leverage agency capabilities to ensure the development of a domestic supply base to support intermodal transportation in the United States.

The objective of the Forum is to attract U.S. manufacturers to the supply base for next generation rail equipment being procured in the U.S. The Forum will facilitate connections between rail industry Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and both traditional and non-traditional rail suppliers.

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*This Forum represents an opportunity for manufacturers with capabilities that are potentially relevant to next generation rail to grow and diversify into this exciting emerging market.*

## ABOUT THE FORUM

The Forum brings large carbuilders together with smaller, capable and interested U.S. manufacturers to facilitate reaching the goal of 100% domestic content in railcars that will be publicly funded. The Forum provides a venue for smaller manufacturers to learn what products are needed and find out more about investments they need to consider when entering the rail industry. Key stakeholders that will participate include:

- Government agencies (U.S. DOT, state transportation, and local economic development agencies) and rail service operators that will be the public investors in the procurement and operation of next generation U.S. rail equipment, and that will be driving for 100% domestic content;
- Rail carbuilders, locomotive manufacturers and Tier 1 suppliers that will be delivering next generation rail equipment for service in the U.S.;
- All size U.S. manufacturers who can potentially be suppliers, including manufacturers who currently supply to the rail industry, as well as those that do not, but could; and
- The DOC/NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) – a federal/state/private partnership operating in all 50 states that will serve to connect U.S. manufacturers with supply opportunities, and provide assistance to manufacturers as appropriate.

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Transportation Secretary  
Ray LaHood

## EVENT AGENDA

7:00a	Registration & Breakfast
8:30a	Keynote Speaker: Jim Carroll
9:45a	Next Generation Rail Equipment Keynotes: The Opportunity Space and Domestic Content Objectives
11:00a	Original Equipment Manufacturer & Supplier Panels
12:30p	Lunch
1:20p	One-on-One Meetings among Carbuilders, OEMs, Suppliers
5:00p	Networking Reception
6:30p	Adjourn

## REGISTRATION

The full day Forum is \$300 per person. The \$300 fee is waived for the first 150 manufacturers who register using the discount code **RAIL**.

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Manufacturing Innovation 2012 (MI2012) is an annual 4 day event brought to you by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). The event brings together over 700 manufacturers, industry experts, and MEP field staff to gain valuable information on the latest trends and technologies facing U.S. manufacturers. MI2012 provides a unique forum of nationally renowned keynote speakers, 75 technical and educational breakout sessions on a variety of topics for manufacturers, an annual awards ceremony, and countless networking opportunities.

Event Highlights Include :

- Nationally Renowned Keynote Speakers
- Over 75 Technical & Educational Sessions
- Convenient Exhibit Area
- One-on-One Business Matchmaking
- Multiple Networking Opportunities

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