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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.

Location:

Union Station Extreme Screen
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Kansas City, MO

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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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“Not only are we improving how we move people and goods, but we are strengthening our economy by providing opportunities for American companies and their employees to build our transportation system here at home.”

Transportation Secretary
Ray Lahood

EVENT AGENDA

8:00a	Registration & Breakfast
9:10a	Keynote Speakers – Joseph Szabo and Aimee Dobrzeniecki
9:55a	Next Generation Rail Equipment Keynotes: The Opportunity Space and Domestic Supply Chain
10:45a	Original Equipment Manufacturer & Tier 1 Supplier Panel
11:45p	Lunch
1:00p	Panel: Manufacturers Interested in Becoming Potential Rail Equipment Suppliers
1:45p	Supply Chain Connectivity Discussion
2:45p	One-on-One Meetings among OEMs and Tier 1 Suppliers
3:00p	Networking Reception
6:00p	One-on-one meetings and networking reception adjourn

REGISTRATION

The full day Forum is \$25 per person.

To register, visit www.kcsourcelink.com/forums/rail and click the “register now” button.

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