

March 2010

# Manufacturing Cluster

*We need you at the next meeting!*

## ACTIVITY TIMELINE

### Next Meeting

Save the Date—RSVP!

March 18, 2010

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Holiday Inn Downtown

### See attached:

- Updated 80/20 Flyer
- Minutes from 2/17 Mtg
- Goals & Objectives
- Nuclear Energy & CA's Future Event Flyer

## CONTACT INFO

### CLUSTER CHAIR

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## Cluster Steering Committee

The Cluster needs your involvement!

We are creating a Steering Committee comprised of Manufacturing companies who want to be involved in improving the manufacturing industry and local economy. The Steering Committee will guide the Cluster by focusing resources and solutions on industry wide issues. If you would like to be a part of this important group, contact Kristen Fragoza at [kfragoza@fresnoedc.com](mailto:kfragoza@fresnoedc.com).

## “Fresno Co. Shifts Business Focus to the Little Guy”

To read the Fresno Bee article that was discussed at the last meeting regarding officials focus on retaining and supporting small local businesses that bring in outside wealth, [click here](#).

## Goals and Objectives

What should be the goals for the Manufacturing Cluster? The Cluster is revising its Goals and Objectives and would appreciate your input. As part of the Manufacturing Cluster in Fresno County, it is important to give input to issues and solutions that will affect every business in the industry. Review the attached “Goals and Objectives” document and provide any feedback to Kristen Fragoza at [kfragoza@fresnoedc.com](mailto:kfragoza@fresnoedc.com).

## Nuclear Energy & CA's Future

The Economic Development Corporation invites you to attend a luncheon on **March 23** to hear one of Forbes Magazine's “Top 10 most powerful women in the world”.

**Anne Lauvergeon**, world renowned nuclear expert, physicist, and one of the most influential figures around the globe will be speaking on Nuclear Energy and California's Future. Join us to learn the role Fresno County can play in the future of energy technology.

[Visit the website for details.](#)



## Joint Cluster Meeting

The next Manufacturing Cluster meeting will be a Joint Cluster Meeting with the Water Technology Cluster and the Food Processing Cluster.

**March 18, 2010**  
**10am-12pm**  
**Holiday Inn Downtown**

Please RSVP to Laura Ramos at [lramos@csufresno.edu](mailto:lramos@csufresno.edu).

## US-Algeria Business Council

The US-Algeria Business Council, a non-profit organization, is organizing a trade mission focused on increasing US agricultural exports to Algeria. This trade mission will feature around 30 Algerian businessmen/buyers, that will be in Fresno **March 23 - 26**, looking to visit companies and manufacturing centers with a focus on purchasing US made products for export to Algeria (dairy equipment, silos, irrigation equipment, etc.) If you'd like to meet with the visiting delegation, contact Elisabeth Lord Stuart at (703) 418 4150. For more info click [here](#).



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