

# A Conversation with Leaders in Advanced Manufacturing

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## PANELISTS:

### AccuRounds

Patrick O'Connell  
Vice President of Operations

### Acushnet Company

Ron Rouillard  
Director of Human  
Resources

### Controls for Automation

David Mochi  
President

### Precix

David Slutz  
President & CEO

### UMASS Dartmouth

Michael Goodman  
Chair, Dept. of Public Policy  
Co-Editor, MassBenchmarks

## AGENDA:

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m. Welcome & Overview of CONNECT  
Chancellor Divina Grossman, UMASS Dartmouth  
CONNECT Chair
- 8:10 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. Research Findings: Workforce Needs in Advanced Manufacturing  
Michael Goodman, Dept. of Public Policy,  
UMASS Dartmouth; Co-Editor, MassBenchmarks
- 8:25 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Panel of Advanced Manufacturing Leaders  
Patrick O'Connell, V.P. of Operations, AccuRounds  
Ron Rouillard, Director, H.R., Acushnet Company  
David Mochi, President, Controls for Automation  
David Slutz, President & CEO, Precix

*Moderated by Nancy Snyder,  
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## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

**Patrick O'Connell, Vice President of Operations, AccuRounds** \* Patrick is vice president of operations for AccuRounds Inc., an advanced manufacturing enterprise providing precision engineered mechanical components and assemblies to aerospace, medical, defense, semiconductor and emerging technology markets. He is largely responsible for the implementation of lean strategies and management systems that have resulted in higher efficiency, increased productivity, and an enhanced culture of employee alignment and engagement. AccuRounds was the first contract metalworking company in North America to receive the Northeast Shingo Prize Silver Medal. A passionate advocate for US manufacturing and enterprise excellence, he has been featured on NPR and in several lean manufacturing education videos. He is enrolled in the MIT Sloan School of Management, Executive Education Program.

**Ron Rouillard, Director of Human Resources, Acushnet Company** \* Ron is director of H.R. for the Acushnet Company – a manufacturer of golf equipment including Titleist and Pinnacle branded products. He has over 30 years of manufacturing-related experience in the H.R. field. He received a human relations degree from UMass Amherst, a business degree from Northeastern University, and is certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources. Ron sits on the Executive Committee of the Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board, serves as chairperson for the WIB's Youth Council, and serves on the Advisory Committee for the New Bedford High School Engineering Academy.

**David Mochi, President, Controls for Automation** \* David is president and owner of Controls For Automation, a distributor and contract manufacturer of electro-mechanical parts, sub-assemblies and complete systems serving New England-based manufacturers in medical, life science, robotics and automation, printing, packaging, and other industries. He is a Distributor Council Board Member: Colder Products Company, Clippard Instrument, ITT Corp, CKD USA, Gems Sensors and is former president of the Massachusetts Jaycees. He is recipient of the 2011 IBEX Marine Industry Environmental Award. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Boston University.

**David Slutz, President & CEO, Precix** \* David joined Precix/Acushnet in 2000 and became president & chief executive officer in June 2008. Precix is a \$53 million integrated manufacturer of precision seals and o-rings for the automotive, aerospace and energy markets. He previously served as vice president of business development for the company. Prior to joining Precix, David worked in sales/marketing, operations and information technology at Garlock Sealing Technologies, Palmyra, NY and Federal-Mogul Corporation, Southfield, MI. All told, David has spent 23+ years in the elastomer industry. He earned a dual bachelors degree (marketing/computer information systems) from Ferris State University in 1990 and completed his MBA work at Syracuse University in 2000.

**Michael Goodman, Chair, Dept. of Public Policy, UMASS Dartmouth** \* Michael is associate professor and chair of the Department of Public Policy at UMASS Dartmouth. He has authored or co-authored over two dozen professional publications on a wide range of public policy issues including regional economic development & housing policy as well as demographic and other applied social science research topics. He has supported this research by generating over \$4 million in external grant and contract funding from a diverse array of public and private sources. He serves as co-editor of MassBenchmarks, the journal of the Massachusetts Economy published by the UMASS Donahue Institute in cooperation with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He earned his MA and Ph.D. at Boston University.