



Advanced Manufacturing facts for

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Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) Los Angeles County Region

Los Angeles is a manufacturing powerhouse -- with incredible potential. We help manufacturing employers prepare for what's next.

The LA region is an extraordinary manufacturing center – the largest in the United States with 365,500 jobs in 2012 in Los Angeles County alone¹.

We're gaining national attention and resources. In May 2014, the United States Commerce Department named Southern California one of 12 "Manufacturing Communities" nationwide as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative. IMCP is designed to accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing by supporting the development of long-term economic development strategies.

Demand for advanced manufacturing is on the rise, with job growth expected to surge by almost 50% by 2018².

What does this mean for your business? Are you ready for what's next?

Partner with us to prepare for tomorrow

The Los Angeles County Region Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) has the technology, training and expertise to help manufacturers and aerospace companies compete and succeed in this expanding marketplace.

Tap into the California Community College system

CACT is your link to the California Community College system, the largest in the nation. As soon as you engage CACT, you are connected to the talent and technology of 22 colleges in the Los Angeles region offering nearly 100 programs for advanced manufacturing, including:

- Aeronautical and Aviation Technology
- Drafting Technology
- Electrical
- Electronics and Electric Technology
- Industrial Electronics
- Engineering Technology
- Engineering (transfer)
- Manufacturing and Industrial Technology
- Machining and Machine Tools
- Mechanical Drafting
- Plastics and Composites
- Sheet Metal and Structural Fabrication
- Welding

What is CACT?

The Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) is a college-based team of experts that provides technology education, manufacturing training, and consulting services in the advanced manufacturing sector. Our highly specialized technical consultants and instructors are part of the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development (CCCEWD) initiative. We enable companies and individuals to compete successfully in changing markets and the global economy.

The top 10 reasons to tap CACT:

1. Greater profitability and improved quality
2. Increased productivity and reduced waste
3. High-performance employees
4. Improved employee safety and reduced hazards
5. Access to advanced technology
6. Low- or no-cost services due to leveraged public sector funding
7. Our experts make it easy for you
8. College-approved curriculum and excellent training expertise
9. Unbiased professional evaluation
10. A better return on your workforce investment

Partner with us to explore existing educational programs to meet your talent needs or to identify new areas for curriculum development. The community colleges in our system are dynamic institutions that are eager to work with industry to meet emerging and future needs.

Tap into additional programs for employers

- Onsite training
- Low- or no-cost technical assistance
- Educational workshops
- Information on how to qualify for state funds to assist with retraining employees and upgrading equipment

Tap into personalized expertise

When you work with the Los Angeles County Region CACT, you will partner with our Deputy Sector Navigator, David Gonzales. He will evaluate your needs and serve as a liaison between you and the community colleges, ensuring a customized match of needs and solutions.

Get involved with CACT

Solid partnerships with business leaders are essential to accelerating the entire Los Angeles-area advanced manufacturing industry. We encourage you to get involved in one or more of these areas:

- Serve on our Advisory Committee
- Assist us with curriculum development
- Allow community college students access to your equipment during non-production hours
- Learn more by contacting the Los Angeles County Region Deputy Sector Navigator, Advanced Manufacturing, David Gonzales at (310) 973-3170 or dgonzales@elcamino.edu.

The Los Angeles County Region CACT is ready to help you succeed. Visit makingitincalifornia.com/losangeles and contact us today to learn more at (310) 973-3170 or dgonzales@elcamino.edu. To sign up for our newsletter, scan this code and enter your contact information.



1 - Employment and Competitiveness in the 21st Century, Institute for Applied Economics, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, June 2014.

2 -Employer Survey Results, Advanced Manufacturing, Los Angeles County, Orange County, Central Valley, Centers of Excellence, December 2013.