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**NEWSFORUM TO BE HELD ON MANUFACTURING &
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS.**

The *Daily Herald Business Ledger* will host a Newsmakers Forum focusing on Manufacturing & International Business on Thursday, November 10, at the new downtown Aurora campus of Waubensee Community College, 18 S. River St.

The forum features a panel discussion by industry experts who will explore topics such as what's driving the surge in manufacturing, foreign markets, maintaining margins, green manufacturing and M&A activity.

Among the panelists are: Janice M. Christiansen, President/CEO, J.C. Schultz / The Flag Source, Batavia. Janice assumed the Chairmanship of the Illinois Manufacturers Association in 2010. She is the first woman to hold this position in 116 years.

Joining her on the panel will be John Mannebach, Vice President, Assurance Agency, an independent insurance broker; Mark Schultz, Principal, of Dugan & Lopatka, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, in Wheaton, and James Duff, Business Market Manager for the West Suburbs, Harris Bank.

This program is of interest to owners, entrepreneurs; "C" level executives and manufacturing professionals in small and medium-sized businesses.

Registration and networking starts at 11 a.m. with the opportunity to visit with product and service exhibitors. A buffet lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The panel discussion commences at 12:15 p.m. with adjournment at 1:30 p.m.

Cost of the luncheon and program are \$45.

To register online go to tinyurl.com/newsmakers6. Because seating is limited we encourage early registration.

Presenting sponsors include the accounting firm of Dugan & Lopatka, Wheaton; Harris Bank; and Assurance Ltd., Schaumburg.

Corporate Sponsors are: Comcast; American Slide Chart; Batavia Enterprises; and Waubensee Community College.

Marketing Partners are: Valley Industrial Association (VIA), the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce (GACC), Aurora Economic Development Commission (AEDC), and the Quad County African American Chamber of Commerce (QCAACC).

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