



FUTURE READY MANUFACTURING

Innovation, Automation & Competitive Growth



In partnership with NC State University and Surry Community College, this workshop will help manufacturers prepare for the future through insights on automation, AI, emerging technologies, workforce development, and supply chain strategies. Participants will learn about regional resources designed to support innovation, growth, and long-term competitiveness.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- Expert insights on automation, AI, and future-ready manufacturing
- Overview of industry expansion and business support resources
- Workforce development programs including apprenticeships and training
- Networking with regional manufacturers and industry leaders

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Operations Staff, Facility Maintenance Managers, Production Leads, Engineers, HR Professionals



March 25, 2026

8:00am-1:00pm



The Small Business Center

190 Virginia St., Mount Airy, 27030



Register Now!

Includes Breakfast and Lunch!

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

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