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Free Lunch and Learn Sept. 17 – “Recruiting During a Workforce Shortage”

BirdDogHR is presenting a free Lunch and Learn, “Recruiting During a Workforce Shortage,” 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the Arkansas Construction Education Foundation, 4421 W. 61st St., Little Rock. RSVP required.

To register, click [here](#).



Various Manufacturing Day Events Planned for Arkansas in October

Manufacturers in Arkansas will be celebrating Manufacturing Day with various events beginning Oct. 2 as an opportunity to inspire and recruit the next generation of manufacturers.

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Ivanka Trump, NAM Announce Expansion of Skilled Training Program

Ivanka Trump and NAM's Manufacturing Institute announced a major expansion of a skills training and apprenticeship program created by Toyota Motor North America.

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Job Openings in Manufacturing Sector Jumped to All-Time High in July

Job openings in the manufacturing sector jumped to an all-time high of 522,000 in July, an increase from 515,000 openings in June.

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Trade Groups Urge Congress to Reauthorize Export-Import Bank's Charter

A long list of trade groups has urged Congress to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank's charter, which is set to expire on Sept. 30.

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Survey Shows U.S. Companies Canceling Investment in China at Increased Pace

The latest member survey by the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai shows many U.S. businesses harmed by tariffs, prompting them to move away from China.

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White House Presses Biofuel, Oil Executives for Compromise

Trump administration officials are squeezing biofuel and oil refining executives to agree to a plan to bolster corn-based ethanol and soy-based bio-diesel.

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China and U.S. Agree to Meet in October for Trade Negotiations

China's Ministry of Commerce said the leaders of the U.S. and Chinese trade talks have agreed to meet in early October for another round of negotiations.

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Declining U.S. Vacancies Point to Slowing Job Growth

U.S. job openings fell for a second straight month in July amid decreases in wholesale trade and the federal government, bolstering economists' views that job growth has peaked.

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NFIB Says Small Business Optimism Fell in August

Small business owners' confidence in the U.S. economy fell in August after rising in July, according to the National Federation of Independent Business.

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Natural Gas Prices Expected to Stay Low Through 2024

U.S. natural gas prices are expected to stay low over the next five years, as the possibility of recession looms over the global economy.

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Deadline Looming for Japan to Elude Trump Tariff Threat

Japan is struggling ahead of a late-month deadline to achieve its goal of getting President Trump to drop threats of punitive auto tariffs.

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Oil Posts Biggest Weekly Gain Since July on U.S. Fed Reassurance

The oil market posted the biggest weekly gain since July as Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell sought to calm fears of a possible recession.

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Truckers Increasingly Face Long Waits at Distribution Centers, Other Facilities

Truck drivers increasingly face waits of six or more hours at distribution centers and other facilities, according to a report by the American Transportation Research Institute.

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U.S. Shale Firms Cut Budgets, Staff as Oil-Price Outlook Dims

Oil producers and their suppliers are cutting budgets, staffs and production goals amid forecasts of low oil and gas prices for several years.

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