

## The Letterman-like Top Ten BS List - September 2020

Just when you think a BS (business services) meeting can't get any better, it does! Thanks to Jennifer Byers, Mary Rothchild, Jackie Buck and Jessica Miller for their presentations this month. And as always, thanks to Becky Accettura for the excellent notes which makes compiling this list a thousand times easier.

Here's September's list of excellent resources and info....

#1) Attached are slides from the MN Chamber of Commerce Foundation Study. There's some fascinating data within the report/slides. Example, MN lags in tech growth. Additionally, there's an entire section about Covid impacts. See what you think of slide #50.

#2) Minnesota State's Workforce Solutions page is at <https://mnscu.rschooltoday.com/public/home>. It includes an abundance information about training in various sectors.

#3) Minnesota State has their "Workforce Solutions teams broken into regions. See the attachment for the regions and the schools (and contacts) within each one.

#4) CareerForce has an Employer Guide to assist in developing a diverse, equitable and inclusive workplace. [CareerForce Guide to Inclusive Hiring](#)

#5) Minnesota Manufactured. [www.mnmfg.org](http://www.mnmfg.org) It's an "innovative and collaborative effort between education and industry to recruit, educate, and train workers for dynamic careers in advanced manufacturing." Think of this as Tour of Manufacturing 2.0.

- The site includes business and educator toolkits and this is where manufacturing tours can be registered.
- The bulk of the activities are scheduled for Oct. 1-7.
- Contact your workforce strategy consultant if you'd like certificates for manufacturers signed by Commissioner Grove and/or a video from the Commissioner or Governor.

#6) There's a Webinar on the Statewide Tour of Manufacturing at 1:30 on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. <https://mnmfg.org/webinar-statewide-tour-of-manufacturing/>

#7) Speaking of Manufacturing and Tours. The Mankato area has done some cool work on this. <https://greatermankato.com/tour-manufacturing>. Watch for updates to this site.

#8) The Department of Labor and Industry's (DoLI) three-part speaker series on Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Hiring best practices continues with [Part 2 on Sept. 17](#), and [Part 3 on Oct. 8](#). BTW, part 1 was phenomenal!

#9) DoLI is also having a Pipeline Speaker Series event on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. [DLI Pipeline Speaker Series Event](#), The speaker is Katie Spiker from the National Skills Coalition.

#10) Don't be shy. The Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) is seeking presenters for their winter conference. [EDAM Winter Conference](#)

Finally, one of the hot topics at the meeting was workforce shortages. Similar to pre-Covid, some employers are finding it difficult to find workers. Our work continues....