



The London Region Manufacturing Council (LRMC) is an industry-driven Council that fosters the growth and prosperity of the manufacturing industry in the London Region.

# LRMC

# Focus

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has 19 internationally trained professionals available for a FREE 8 week work term. These individuals include engineers, administrators, IT, scientific, and finance professionals seeking Canadian work experience. Call Cathy Hooper at WIL 663-0774 x 268.

### **CME** presents "The Thinking behind Robustness: FMEA's - the Vital Survival Tool"

Registration for this 3 hour workshop on March 3rd is available on the LRMC website at [manufacturinglondon.com](http://manufacturinglondon.com) or through Ravi Samuel 451-2500 x 2910

**CME and NRC** present a Technology Visit at Kaiser Aluminum on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration information is available on the LRMC website at [manufacturinglondon.com](http://manufacturinglondon.com)

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#### **TRANSFORM AUTOMOTIVE L.L.C. INVESTS MORE THAN \$15 MILLION IN LONDON, ONTARIO**

Sterling Heights, Michigan based Transform Automotive will invest \$15 million USD to construct its first Canadian automotive manufacturing plant.

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## **W**ELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF THE LRMC FOCUS!

This electronic newsletter is designed to give London Region manufacturers information about events, opportunities and issues of concern to this sector.

The development of the London Region Manufacturing Council (LRMC) in 2002 was in response to the desire of manufacturers to work together to continue the strong growth of the manufacturing sector in London.

LRMC is a governance organization that looks for ways to help local manufacturers by examining issues and seizing opportunities for the London sector as a whole.



Dave Gardner, LRMC Chair

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## **E**XCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM (EMC) ARRIVES IN LONDON

The London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), the London Region Manufacturing Council (LRMC) and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) have combined to welcome the Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) to London.

EMC is a non-profit organization of seasoned manufacturing professionals dedicated to helping other manufacturers become or remain world class competitors. Their successful process of working with manufacturers has been embraced in many Ontario communities and is rapidly spreading across Canada.

Steve Glickman, Director, Business Growth and Retention at LEDC called EMC's programs and services "high quality and an excellent value for manufacturers of any size."

EMC was launched in London at a November 27th breakfast briefing that featured a presentation by EMC's Al Diggins. Al described the many real-world benefits of membership in the newly formed London chapter to about 50 manufacturers.

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The successes of our first year include a survey of the manufacturing sector and our website at [www.ManufacturingLondon.com](http://www.ManufacturingLondon.com). In our second year, we have already welcomed the Excellence-in-Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) into London, and created this electronic newsletter. While we have already made good progress this year, we have other initiatives, including a "Buy London" event, in the planning stages.

In addition to small, medium and large manufacturers, LRMC includes representation from a number of organizations that provide services to the manufacturing community. A complete listing of the LRMC 2003-2004 members is found on the LRMC website ([www.ManufacturingLondon.com](http://www.ManufacturingLondon.com)).

The London Region Manufacturing Council is your manufacturing council and we are interested in hearing from you about your interests and concerns. Please feel free to contact me at [info@ManufacturingLondon.com](mailto:info@ManufacturingLondon.com)

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LRMC Chair

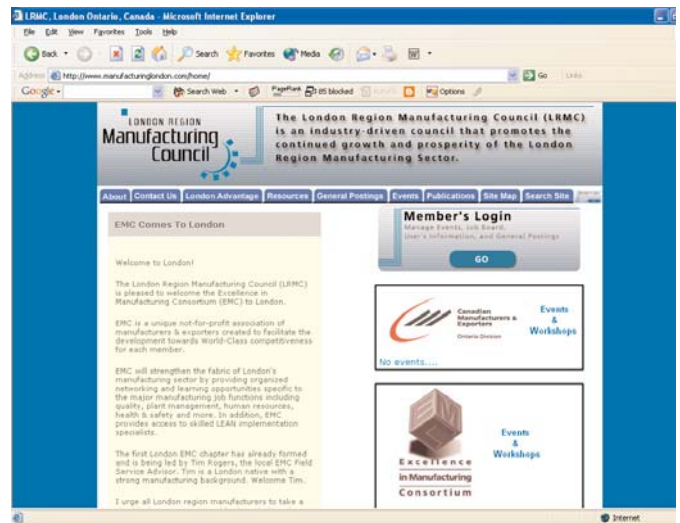
## EMC ARRIVES IN LONDON *continued from page 1*

The first Strategic Information Group (SIG) meeting for new London members was held on January 16th at Pivotal Services. Mike Baker, the EMC Field Service Advisor for London, led the inaugural SIG meeting. A second free business briefing was held in London on January 29th.



To learn more about EMC or to register for the next business briefing, contact Mike Baker at

EMC 1-866-323-4362 or Larry MacKinnon at LEDC 661-5011. The EMC web site is: [www.excellence-in-manufacturing.org](http://www.excellence-in-manufacturing.org).



## WWW.MANUFACTURINGLONDON.COM

The Manufacturing Council's web site, [www.manufacturinglondon.com](http://www.manufacturinglondon.com), is designed to be a first point of contact for manufacturers seeking information on local events, industry news, information resources and assistance.

The website features a manufacturing events board, a job board where manufacturers can post job openings for free, a general postings board where manufacturers can advertise items for sale, ask questions, or identify specialized services.

In addition, there are a great many information resources for manufacturers including government programs and funding, R&D programs, a database of local manufacturers, and web links on a variety of topics.

Check out [www.manufacturingmlondon.com](http://www.manufacturingmlondon.com) and bookmark it for future use.

**L**RMC partners with the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association (CME) and the Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) in order to better serve the needs of local manufacturers. Each organization's efforts are focused in their individual areas of expertise and opportunity.

