



# 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

**Phil Mintz, Ph.D.**

Executive Director of NC State University Industry Expansion Services (IES)

**KeAnne Hoeg**

Interim Director, North Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership  
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**Linda Robinson, PMP**

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Executive Director, Surry-Yadkin Works