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The [2018 Session](#) overview looks at the items that were initiated and/or supported through the work of the Vermont Chamber four-person advocacy team.



Making It Happen Local Leadership for the Future of Vermont Communities

Join local leaders working to improve life in their communities at the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Vermont Community Leadership Summit! [Registration is open.](#)

For more information or to sign up for event [contact](#) the Vermont Council on Rural Development or 802-223-6091.

- Skills Workshops for Community Initiatives
- Community Success Story Panels
- Leadership Resource Fair

- Group Dialogues on the "Future of Community Leadership in Vermont"

14th Annual Governor's Award for Outstanding Workplace Safety

The Governor of Vermont and the Vermont Department of Labor annually recognize Vermont companies that have made outstanding achievements in workplace safety and health. This award is the highest honor given by the State of Vermont to recognize an employer's commitment to excellence in workplace safety and health. The Vermont Department of Labor will be accepting nominations until September 21, 2018. The award recipients will be announced during the Vermont Safety and Health Council Expo on October 12, 2018.

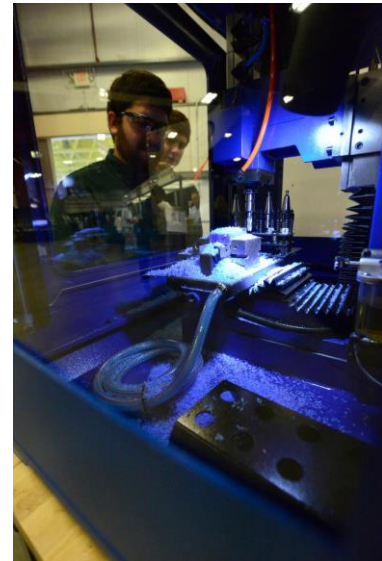
Nominations for all businesses that deserve this recognition must be submitted electronically by September 21 in an email to [Leslie Curtis](#), Department of Labor.

September Manufacturing Event Register to Attend

Registration is now open to attend [Manufactured in Vermont](#) on Thursday, September 27 at the Champlain Valley Exposition. This premier supply chain trade show is a business-to-business event for manufacturers, OEMs and sub-contractors to connect and develop business for contracts and enhanced supply chain opportunities.

Top Five Reasons to Attend:

1. Network with **120** exhibitors from New England and lower Québec
2. Meet buyers, suppliers and partners
3. Connect with industry peers and employers
4. Find your future workforce with Vermont Technical College
5. Attend supply chain workshops and gain industry insights



[REGISTER TO ATTEND NOW](#)

Are you looking to exhibit at this event? Just a handful of booth spaces remain open! [Reserve a booth now.](#)

Vermont Chamber Teams with Vermont Panurgy to Bridge the Skills Gap

To help address Vermont's workforce skills gap and advance entry-level employees into mid



and upper level positions, [Vermont Panurgy](#), a leader in IT and training services, is teaming with the Vermont Chamber to provide members with a 20% savings on courses for:

- PC Applications
 - Graphic Design
 - Web Technologies
 - Talent and Leadership Development
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Citizen of the Year

Each year, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce honors an outstanding Vermonter as the Citizen of the Year at the annual Award Dinner in the late fall. For over 50 years this annual award recognizes one individual who has made major contributions to the betterment of Vermont. Nominate an outstanding Vermonter for this

pinnacle of recognition today. Past award winners and nomination criteria can be seen [here](#).

Citizen of the Year Nomination Deadline: August 22, 2018.

New in 2018 - Above and Beyond Nomination

The Vermont Chamber is also seeking nominations for individuals who have gone "Above and Beyond" in their job, industry or community work, thus contributing to a more vibrant state for Vermonters to live, work and play. Up to three nominees will be selected for special recognition at the beginning of the annual Vermont Chamber Award Dinner. Visit the [event website](#) to download the nominations form and tell us about an outstanding colleague, co-workers, employee, or mentor.

Above and Beyond Nomination Deadline: September 14, 2018.



SBIR Road Tour

The [SBIR Road Tour](#) is coming to Manchester, NH on Thursday, August 23, 2018, to convey the non-dilutive technology funding

opportunity provided through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. If you're an innovator, entrepreneur, researcher or small technology firm, don't miss this opportunity. Reserve your one-on-one meeting and [register](#) today.



Nominate Your Favorites for Top 10 Summer & Fall 2019 Events!

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce features the state's best activities for each season. It's now time to nominate your favorite summer and fall activities as Vermont Top 10 Events. The Summer Top 10 and Fall Top 10 events are published in the Vermont Chamber's [Summer / Fall Vermont Vacation Guide](#), the official tourism publication for the State of Vermont. Often the list is leveraged to answer media

inquiries and by Vermont Chamber partners to identify the hottest events around the state.

Click [here](#) for the application and more details. Any questions contact [Karen Foote](#).

ServSafe® Certification Class + Exam

ServSafe® is a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association.



Who should attend: Managers, Cooks, Chefs, Waitstaff, Bartenders, Supervisors, Owners, Culinary Teachers, Dietary Aides, Caterers and anyone who prepares, handles, or serves food to the public. [Registration information](#) is available for the September class.

Welcome New Chamber Members

[Rodeway Inn - Rutland](#)
[FDC Composites](#)
[TechniProdec](#)
[Marmen](#)
[Cargolution, Inc.](#)
[Comstock Industries](#)
[ClorTech Tools, Inc.](#)
[TechNH, Inc.](#)
[Aspen at Manchester](#)
[Green Mountain Tourism](#)
[Business America Services](#)
[Lynn Welding](#)
[Enman-Kesselring Engineering, P.C.](#)
[CS Communication Et Systemes Canada, Inc.](#)
[NSE-Automatech](#)

[Green Mountain Inn](#)
[Whip Bar & Grill](#)
[The Spot](#)
[Spot on the Dock](#)
[WND&WVS](#)
[Burlington Surf Club](#)
[Timberhomes LLC](#)



Member Spotlight

[Apple Island](#)

The best spot for RV camping on Lake Champlain. Enjoy endless activities and relaxation. Located minutes from Burlington and upstate New York. The perfect home base for exploring Vermont and the Lake Champlain Valley.

[Book today](#) and to learn more about Apple Island Resort, visit [here](#).

Vermont Chamber member since 2017.

To learn more about how you can be our featured member of the month, contact [Beverly Gittelson](#). It's just one of the numerous benefits of being a member of the [Vermont Chamber of Commerce](#).

#LetsGrowVT

[Mary Powell again Named among 25 Most Influential Women by CEO Connection](#)

[Green Lantern Solar named a 2018 Top Solar Contractor in US](#)

[Gallagher has Joined DEW Construction as Director of Business Development](#)

[Burlington Telecom Named First Certified All-Fiber Service Provider in New England](#)

[Consolidated Communications Expands MPLS Solution to Vermont](#)

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In Other News:

[Technical Assistance and Training Available to Vermont's Composters](#)

[Developer Seeks to Replace Historic Building with Starbucks](#)

[Encore Renewable Energy Ranked Among Top US Solar Contractors](#)

Save the Date:

[Celebrate Vermont Manufacturing during October 2018](#)

[National Farmers Market Week from August 5-11](#)

[YWCA Women's Weekend Retreat 2018](#)

[Vermont Open Farm Week Returns August 13-19](#)

[August 14, 2018 VT Primary Election Date](#)

If you think your organization has what it takes to be honored at the 13th annual "Best Places to Work in Vermont" please visit [here](#).



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