



Manufacturing Council of Oregon FAQ

Q: What is the Manufacturing Council of Oregon?

A: The Manufacturing Council of Oregon (MCO) is the dedicated manufacturing advocacy platform of Oregon Business & Industry (OBI). MCO, through OBI, is the Oregon state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers.

Q: What is the mission of MCO?

A: The mission of MCO is to protect, promote and grow a positive, globally-competitive business climate for manufacturing and related industries in Oregon.

Q: How will MCO work to accomplish its mission?

A: MCO will further the work already being done by OBI and its partners to be a powerful voice for manufacturing and related industries in Oregon. Using advanced political advocacy, communication, coalition and public information initiatives, MCO will work to advance opportunities and remove barriers for Oregon's diverse community of makers and innovators.

Q: How do I become a member of MCO?

A: Any member of OBI can become a member of MCO by simply letting us know. There are no additional fees or dues for MCO beyond your OBI membership dues.

Q: If my company or organization is already an OBI member, why should also join MCO?

A: Active membership to MCO will provide a regular forum for members to meet and discuss manufacturing issues. MCO will also serve as OBI's formal steering committee related to manufacturing and will be the place where OBI members work to formulate strategies and legislative priorities related to advancing manufacturing in Oregon. The MCO steering committee will operate similarly to other existing OBI policy committees, including the Oregon Retail Council, the Tax & Fiscal Policy Committee, and the Health Care Committee.

Q: What kind of time commitment will joining MCO entail?



A: Our plan is to convene monthly MCO steering committee meetings, up to 1 hour in length. These meetings will be done virtually at the start, and we are hopeful that they will evolve to a combination of virtual and physical meetings once pandemic concerns have lessened and we have full access to OBI conference facilities (remodel of main OBI facility in Salem is expected to be completed in February 2022). Participation is optional, but a variety of OBI member perspectives will only improve outcomes.

Q: What if I have other questions about MCO?

A: Please contact OBI's Scott Bruun at scottbruun@oregonbusinessindustry.com or (503) 720-1329.