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WOMEN AT THE TABLE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP FORUM

Women leaders making an impact in manufacturing

Though manufacturing has historically been dominated by men, we are seeing winds of change with women leaders making a significant impact in the industry.

Last year, the number of women with manufacturing jobs reached a high of 3.77 million, or 29% of the overall industry workforce, according to the National Association of Manufacturers. This organization is part of an initiative to increase women's share in manufacturing to 35% by 2030.

Business First Publisher John Tebeau convened a panel of women leaders

who are effectively navigating the changing landscape in manufacturing during a recent Women at the Table, Executive Leadership Forum.

The event was hosted by Phillips Lytle LLP and moderated by Erin Connare, partner and co-leader of the firm's manufacturing industry team. The outstanding panel featured below shared their thoughts and insights on the challenges and opportunities regarding workforce development, mentorship, technology, supply chain and compliance. We have put together a photo story of the event on the following pages to highlight these perspectives.

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president and owner
Hard Manufacturing
Co., Inc.



RHONDA JOHNSON
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New Era Cap, LLC



JANNA WILLOUGHBY-LOHR
owner
Papercraft Miracles



"We're really starting to see the people coming in [and] are excited that they can make a good living in manufacturing as a worker..."

MAJORIE BRYEN
president and owner
 Hard Manufacturing Co., Inc.



"My first mentor was a man; my second mentor was a woman. I think it's so important to have both those perspectives."

RHONDA JOHNSON
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"Sometimes it takes experience and time and maturity to take advantage of advice."

LORRIE TURNER
chief legal officer and senior vice president
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“I think flexibility at every level has become just a lot more important.”

LEELA MOOKERJEE
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“I think women are really good at recognizing their network and looking and seeing what opportunities are out there.”

JANNA WILLOUGHBY-LOHR
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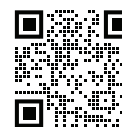
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