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CESMII THE SMART MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE

State Manufacturing Leadership Program Meeting

Pittsburgh, PA

November 5 & 6, 2026

Thursday, November 5, 2026		
Time	**Presenter(s)**	**Activity/Presentation**
7:00 AM	**Breakfast**	
8:00 AM	Department of Energy, Analysis and Strategy Office Leadership	**Welcome + Opening Remarks**
8:15 AM	Ama Appau, DOE	**Introduction & SMLP Program Update**
8:50 AM	Miguel Corcio, CESMII	**Networking Activity (Bingo)**
9:20 AM	Miguel Corcio, John Dyck (CEO), CESMII	**A Smart Manufacturing Vision for Small & Medium Manufacturers**
10:00 AM	**Break**	
10:20 AM	All Teams	**Team Introductions & Updates**
12:00 PM	**Lunch**	
1:00 PM	Matt Minner, Pennsylvania Dept. of Community & Economic Development (Catalyst Connection)	**Partner Collaboration & Mini-grant Delivery**
1:35 PM	State of Connecticut	**The Concierge Advantage: Guiding Businesses from Opportunity to Action**
2:10 PM	North Carolina Department of Commerce	**Turning Smart Manufacturing Awareness and Interest into Project Commitment**
2:45 PM	**Break**	
3:20 PM	Maryland Department of Commerce	**From Assessment to Investment: Maryland's Integrated Approach to Accelerating Smart Manufacturing**
3:55 PM	All Teams	**Breakout Sessions: Cross-State Collaboration & Resource Sharing**
4:35 PM	Miguel Corcio / Tim Stuart / Jillian Kupchella - CESMII	**Presentation: Smart Manufacturing Roadmap Process, Examples**
5:00 PM	**Adjourn for the Day**	
5:00 PM	**Networking Happy Hour (Optional)**	

Friday, November 6, 2026		
Time	**Presenter(s)**	**Activity/Presentation**
7:00 AM	**Breakfast**	
8:00 AM	Christina Desantis, DOE	**Questions to be Addressed by TPO**
8:30 AM	Conrad Leiva, Cory Bodnar - CESMII	**Workforce Development Resources: "Smart Start for your SM Journey" Training**
9:30 AM	Jillian Kupchella, CESMII	**SMLP Resources**
9:40 AM	Ama Appau + Miguel Corcio	**Closing Remarks**
10:00 AM	**Bus from Hotel to Digital Foundry**	
10:30 AM	**Digital Foundry: SM Technology Demonstrations**	
12:30 PM	**Bus from Digital Foundry to Hotel**	