



2026 Manufacturing Innovation Awards

Celebrating Innovation. Advancing Manufacturing. Strengthening the Inland Empire.

Sponsorship Opportunities

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Ontario, California

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The **Manufacturers' Council of the Inland Empire (MCIE)** is proud to host the **2026 Manufacturing Innovation Awards**, recognizing manufacturers that are driving innovation, advancing workforce development, and strengthening the region's manufacturing economy.

Originally launched in **2012 as part of MCIE's Manufacturing Summit**, the Innovation Awards celebrate companies that are leading the way in areas such as **product development, operational efficiency, talent development, and market growth**. After pausing during the pandemic, MCIE is proud to **reintroduce the awards in 2026** as part of our continued commitment to elevating the role of manufacturing in the Inland Empire.

The awards dinner will bring together **manufacturing executives, industry partners, educators, workforce leaders, and economic development organizations** for an evening of recognition, networking, and industry connection.

Sponsors play an important role in helping MCIE celebrate the companies and leaders who are shaping the future of manufacturing while supporting the continued growth of **high-quality, careers across San Bernardino and Riverside Counties**.

Award Categories

The Manufacturing Innovation Awards recognize Inland Empire manufacturers that are advancing the industry through **breakthrough product development, operational excellence, workforce innovation, and forward-thinking marketing strategies**.

- Innovation in Product Development
- Innovation in Resource or Process Efficiency

- Innovation in Human Capital & Talent
- Innovation in Marketing

Who You'll Reach

The Manufacturing Innovation Awards bring together leaders from across the Inland Empire's manufacturing and economic development ecosystem. Sponsors will have the opportunity to engage directly with decision-makers and professionals representing a wide range of organizations involved in advancing manufacturing in the region

Manufacturing Leaders

- CEOs, Presidents, and senior executives
- Operations, engineering, and plant management leaders
- Human resources and workforce development professionals

Manufacturing Ecosystem Partners

- Technology providers supporting manufacturing innovation and automation
- Financial institutions and capital partners
- Utilities and energy providers
- Professional service providers supporting manufacturers

Workforce & Education Leaders

- Community college and university leaders
- Workforce development boards and training providers
- Apprenticeship and career pathway partners

Economic Development Leaders

- City and county economic development officials
- Regional industry associations and trade groups
- State and regional economic development partners

Sponsorship Levels at a Glance

	Premier	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Investment	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
Speaking opportunity	✓			
Participate in fireside chat	✓			
Present Innovation Awards	✓ (2 awards)	✓ (intro cat.)		
Premier logo placement	✓	✓		
Logo on event screens	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition/marketing	✓	✓	✓	
Social media recognition	✓	✓		
Exhibitor / display table	Premium	Included	Included	Add-on
Event tickets	12 tickets	8 tickets	4 tickets	2 tickets

Premier Sponsor — \$15,000 (Exclusive)

*Exclusive opportunity to serve as the **Premier Sponsor** of the 2026 Manufacturing Innovation Awards.*

Hosted by the **Manufacturers' Council of the Inland Empire**, the Manufacturing Innovation Awards recognize manufacturers driving innovation, workforce excellence, and economic growth across the Inland Empire.

Benefits include

- Recognition as **Premier Sponsor** in all event marketing and communications
- **Opportunity to present for two minutes during the program or participate in the fireside chat**
- Opportunity to **present two Innovation Awards on stage**
- Premier logo placement on sponsor slides, stage screens, and step-and-repeat photo wall
- Largest logo placement on MCIE website sponsor page
- **Premium display / exhibitor table (\$750 value)** – priority placement
- Two dedicated sponsor spotlight posts across MCIE social media
- **Featured recognition in MCIE newsletter or email prior and following the event**
- **Opportunity to insert one-page marketing collateral in the event packet provided for each guest at their seat**
- **12 event tickets (\$1,800 value)**

Platinum Sponsor — \$10,000

Benefits include

- Opportunity to **introduce one Innovation Award category during the program**
- Prominent logo placement on sponsor slides and stage screens
- Recognition in promotional emails and event marketing materials
- Recognition from the podium during the awards program
- **Display / exhibitor table (\$750 value)**
- One social media sponsor recognition post
- **8 event tickets (\$1,200 value)**

Gold Sponsor — \$5,000

Benefits include

- Logo recognition in sponsor slides during the event program
- Logo placement on MCIE website sponsor page
- Recognition in promotional emails and event marketing materials
- **Display / exhibitor table (\$750 value)**
- **4 event tickets (\$600 value)**

Silver Sponsor — \$2,500

Benefits include

- Logo recognition in sponsor slide rotation during the event program
- Website recognition on the MCIE event page
- Opportunity to purchase a **discounted display / exhibitor table**
- **2 event tickets (\$300 value)**

About the Manufacturers' Council of the Inland Empire (MCIE)

Founded in **2001**, the **Manufacturers' Council of the Inland Empire (MCIE)** is the region's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening and advancing manufacturing across **San Bernardino and Riverside Counties**.

MCIE serves as a **trusted connector and convenor**, bringing together manufacturers with educators, workforce development partners, economic development leaders, and industry resources to support the long-term competitiveness of the Inland Empire manufacturing economy.

Through industry engagement, workforce initiatives, and strategic partnerships, MCIE works directly with manufacturers to help address critical priorities including **talent development, operational innovation, and industry collaboration**.

MCIE regularly convenes manufacturers and regional partners through **industry tours, executive forums, workforce initiatives, and special events** that highlight innovation and strengthen the manufacturing ecosystem across the region.

The **Manufacturing Innovation Awards** are part of MCIE's ongoing effort to recognize and celebrate companies that are advancing manufacturing excellence while supporting the continued growth of **high-quality, family-sustaining careers in the Inland Empire**.

Supporting Manufacturing in the Inland Empire

All sponsorships directly support **MCIE's year-round efforts to engage manufacturers, strengthen workforce development partnerships, and advance the competitiveness of the Inland Empire manufacturing economy**.

The **Manufacturers' Council of the Inland Empire** is a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization**, and contributions may be tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

To become a sponsor, contact Sandra Sisco at ssisco@mfgcouncilie.com.