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SUBJECT: City of Duluth's Manufacturing Working Group from the Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy convening this week to establish deeper roots between manufacturing employers, education partners, and Duluth Workforce Development Board

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[DULUTH, MN] On April 30, City staff and partners will host a site visit from the US Department of Labor and the National League of Cities as part of the City's participation in the Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy. This National League of Cities-led academy seeks to accelerate city and workforce board efforts to design, develop, and launch workforce initiatives. The goal of participation in the Academy is to build pathways into good jobs that upskill and reskill workers into high-demand jobs in infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing.

During the visit, the national Good Jobs, Great Cities team will tour various locations, as well as facilitate a Manufacturing Working Group convening at Lake Superior College on Wednesday, May 1. The purpose is to gather manufacturing employers, education partners, and other stakeholders from the Twin Ports region to share best practices for workforce training, explore strategies to develop a pipeline of employable talent from K-12 and post-secondary students to adults, and map out workplan next steps and commitments.

This Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy visit is part of the work begun by the City of Duluth, along with the US Department of Labor and the National League of Cities, in June 2023 to explore best practices and build a sector strategy focused on manufacturing. The program will run through 2024, with ongoing work led by the Duluth Workforce Development Board after the Academy ends.

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