



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY  
MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE



**CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
NOW OPEN**

11TH ANNUAL

# **VALLEY MADE MANUFACTURING SUMMIT**

**VALLEY MADE. FUTURE BUILT.**

*Leading the Next Generation of Manufacturing*

EVENT DATE

**Wednesday**

**October 28, 2026**

LOCATION

**Fresno Convention**

**Center | Exhibit Hall**

PROPOSAL  
DEADLINE

**June 30, 2026**

The San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance (SJVMA) is now accepting proposals for breakout sessions at the **11th Annual Valley Made Manufacturing Summit** – the Central Valley's premier convening of 950+ manufacturers, educators, workforce leaders, and policymakers.

This year, we're exploring one of the most significant shifts impacting manufacturing today. We're looking for experienced operators and practitioners, real-world case studies, and practical insights that will equip our attendees to lead this next era.

[sjvma.org/summit](https://sjvma.org/summit)

## SESSION TOPICS



### LEADERSHIP & STRATEGY

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- Scaling operations and capital investment decisions
- Supply chain resilience and reshoring strategies
- Navigating regulation and policy impacts



### WORKFORCE & TALENT

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- Retention and engagement strategies
- Building internal career pathways
- Apprenticeships, training models, and partnerships



### FUTURE WORKFORCE & STUDENTS

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- Career pathways into manufacturing
- Industry expectations and skill development
- Early career success stories



### TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

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- AI on the shop floor
- Robotics and automation integration
- Digital twins and smart manufacturing



### OPERATIONS & PRODUCTION

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- Lean manufacturing and process optimization
- Small batch, high mix environments
- Maintenance and uptime strategies

### **WHAT WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR**

To maintain the quality of the Summit experience, proposals that fall into the categories below will not be accepted:

- Sales presentations or product-focused pitches
  - High-level overviews without practical application
  - Panels without clear takeaways or real-world examples
  - Content that does not directly apply to manufacturing operations or workforce
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✦ **NEW IN 2026 – WE'RE PRIORITIZING:**

- **Practitioner-led sessions** – real manufacturers sharing what they've actually deployed, not theoretical frameworks
- **Interactive demos** – live AI or robotics demonstrations during breakout sessions
- **Valley-focused case studies** – Central Valley manufacturers showing AI impact in food processing, agriculture-adjacent manufacturing, logistics, and more
- **Student-accessible sessions** – breakouts designed to inspire the next generation of manufacturing professionals

**WHO SHOULD SUBMIT (AND WHO THIS IS FOR)**



**Manufacturing leaders & operations managers**



**Educators, workforce developers & trainers**



**Industry experts & technology providers partnering with manufacturers on real implementations**



**Policy advocates & economic development leaders**

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Session title and description (max 250 words)
- 2 Presenter name(s), title(s), company, and brief bio(s)
- 3 3–5 learning objectives attendees will walk away with
- 4 Target audience (executive, operations, workforce, student, etc.)
- 5 Preferred session format: presentation, panel, live demo, or workshop
- 6 A/V and technical needs (especially if demo-based)

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Applicants will be notified of decisions by July 31, 2026

**SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSALS to [Connect@SJVMA.ORG](mailto:Connect@SJVMA.ORG)**