

## **Press Release: PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

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### **Governor's Coordinating Council and Industry Quality Council to Meet**

The Governor's Coordinating Council and Industry Quality Council will be meeting on February 23 in the Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol Building. The Industry Quality Council will be meeting at 10:00 a.m.; the Governor's Coordinating Council will be meeting at 11:00 a.m. Both groups are involved in the Governor's initiative to develop and build the infrastructure for a statewide Manufacturing Extension Network.

The Coordinating Council, formed by the Governor in April 1993, provides significant resources to facilitate the development of the Network. Since that time, the Council, with representatives from the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority, the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, the National Center for Toxicological Research, and seven state-supported universities, has been meeting monthly to accomplish this task.

As part of these activities, members of the Coordinating Council nominated representatives from Arkansas businesses and industry to serve on an Industry Quality Council, which will advise and provide recommendations regarding the quality and types of services offered by the Manufacturing Extension Network. In addition, this Council will interface with

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sister organizations at state and national levels to assist Arkansas industry in becoming more competitive regionally, nationally, and globally.

For more information on the Manufacturing Extension Network, including the aforementioned meetings, please contact the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority at 324-9006.

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