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New bus, new tour as AWB prepares to celebrate 'Made in Washington'

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The manufacturing industry in Washington is a big deal. AWB is going on the road again this fall to highlight some of our state's high-tech innovators, heavy hitters, and up-and-comers in manufacturing. Read on to discover why we are passionate about our third-annual Manufacturing Week, and why manufacturing is so important to our state's economy.

This October, AWB will be highlighting the importance of manufacturing to Washington's economy by touring the state and stopping at some of the state's most innovative and successful manufacturers.

As the state's manufacturing association, AWB represents approximately 1,200 members in the manufacturing industry, which is a pillar of Washington's economy. According to U.S. Department of Labor, in 2017 there were approximately 7,636 manufacturers in Washington who provided over 280,000 jobs. The average manufacturing compensation is \$88,492 per year, according to the National Association of Manufacturers. Total output from manufacturing was [\\$58.77 billion in 2017](#). That's 11.6 percent of the total output for the state.

Manufacturing matters. That is why AWB will be going on the road to direct attention to Washington's manufacturing economy during AWB's [Manufacturing Week](#) from Oct. 2-12.

The Manufacturing Week bus will tour the state, highlighting the important role manufacturers continue to play, and calling attention to the challenges facing the manufacturing industry. Our goal is to raise awareness of the foundational role manufacturing plays, support the successful growth of our state's manufacturing sector, and also to make some connections along the way so that we can ensure AWB is serving our members and our state in the best way possible.

Stay tuned for upcoming tour stop and event announcements. We encourage you to follow along during the week on the AWB blog and social media channels, and come out to a Manufacturing Tour event near you. We look forward to seeing you this October!