



See what's new in 2024!

Annual Calendar



2024

Revised 12-13-2023

Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting 31 – Craft Wage Bulletin Distributed 31 – Send Prerequisite Checklist (New Programs) <p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 – Best Practice Forum 21 – Board of Directors Meeting 27 (before) – Mail Endorsement Binders (New Programs) <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting 	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 – Board of Directors Meeting 18 – Spring Crawfish Boil and Networking Event <p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting 31 – Construction Labor Market Analysis Report 31 (before) – On-Site Reviews (New Programs) <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting 28 – Mail Endorsement Binders (CIP Programs)
Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 – Best Practice Forum 10 – Board of Directors Meeting 31 – Craft Wage Bulletin Distributed <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting 31 (before) – On-Site Reviews (CIP Programs) <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting 30 (before) – NCCER Audits 	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 – Fall General Membership Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Award; Sculpture Contest; TPM Grant 13 – Executive Committee Teams Meeting <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Distribute Membership Renewal Invoices 11 – Board of Directors Meeting

Membership Renewal Reminder



Greetings partner,

We hope by now you have heard about Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council combining with CGIA in October. The enhanced joint organization will offer even more benefits to members in 2024. A few weeks ago, our combined board of directors met with a consultant to develop the new vision, mission, strategic plan, key priorities, and initiatives. Be sure to follow us on social media, **CGIA on LinkedIn** or **CGIA on Instagram**, to be the first to stay up-to-date as we continue collaborating across the central gulf coast states to add value to you and your company.

We would like to remind everyone of the amazing strides we have made in 2023, including doubling the size of our organization. Our first ever crawfish boil was a huge success in the spring. Not only did we highlight a few of our partners' programs, but we networked with each other for several hours. Our General Membership Meeting in the fall went very well and was attended by a wide variety of partners. We are looking forward to more growth and expansion of our alliance and plan to resume best practice forums, breakout groups, and endorsements while continuing to provide reports and training sessions for members. Invoices were sent to primary contacts December 5th and a follow up reminder will be sent soon.

On behalf of our board and staff, we



Dear council member,

I hope by now you have heard that the Board of Directors of NWFMC made a strategic decision to combine with the Central Gulf Industrial Alliance (CGIA). As the former Chair of the Board for NWFMC, I would like to take a moment to share the reasons I remain excited about this opportunity and also ask for your continued support..

CGIA is a strong organization with many active owners, contractors, training partners, and associates that have served as the voice of industry for the central gulf coast for the past sixteen years. Due to the overwhelming similarities of focus areas between the two organizations and the overlapping footprint, our Board agreed that combining forces was appropriate and perfect timing for all of us to strengthen our efforts through collaboration across state lines. CGIA offers many benefits to the member organizations that meet the critical needs our local manufacturers have been expressing in the past few years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your support of the NWFMC in 2023. Invoices were sent to members to transition to CGIA membership for 2024. I remain optimistic that, with your continued support, the combined alliance will better serve our regional manufacturers and partners in the

are grateful for your membership and participation in CGIA and are looking forward to seeing you in the new year. If you have any questions, contact our Executive Director, Kristie Kelley, by email ([click here](#)) or cell phone at (850) 549-1298.

Sincerely,

Steve Johnson
Project Manager, Chevron Corporation

years to come and continue to increase the value returned to all stakeholders in this beautiful geographic area.

We look forward to the next steps and hope that everyone will join us in transitioning to CGIA for 2024. Feel free to contact our Executive Director, Kristie Kelley, with questions.

Many thanks,

James Hodge
Vice President - Operations, Cerex

Strategic Plan

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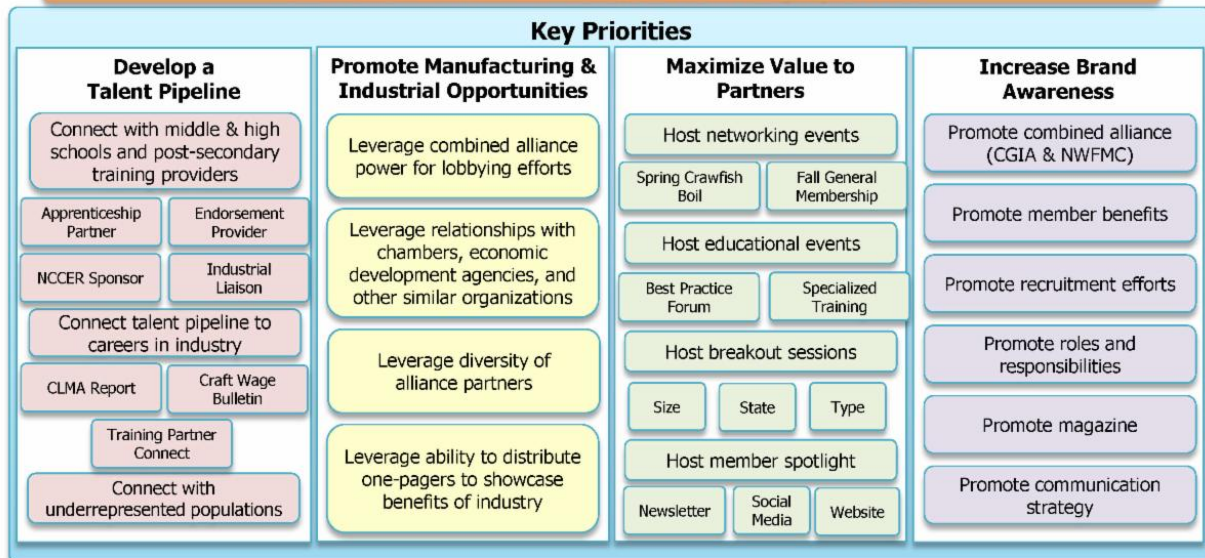
2024-2027

Vision: A strong community along the central gulf states that is the voice of a vibrant and advanced industrial network.

Mission: Fostering industrial collaboration between key stakeholders across the central gulf states to strengthen the workforce, economic prosperity, and community well-being.

Stakeholders: Regional alliance composed of industrial and manufacturing owners, contractors, associates, non-profits and training organizations

Key Priorities



Final 12-13-2023

Welcome all 2024 Members

Introducing our new President of

the Board



As the new President of the Central Gulf Industrial Alliance (CGIA), I would like to thank our 2023 President, Steve Johnson, for his leadership over the past two years. I would also like to welcome all returning members, transferring partners, and new organizations to CGIA. This combination of organizations will present a wonderful opportunity for us to enhance the workforce development of the Central Gulf states through an increasingly diverse membership of industrial, manufacturing, associate, non-profit, and educational partners. I look forward to working with all of you in 2024.



Sincerely,

Shane Thornton
CGIA President
BASF Corporation

Introducing Board Member Corbin McCall



Corbin A. McCall is the Vice President of Operations for Maritech, a precision manufacturing, fabrication, and engineering services firm located in Panama City, Florida. Maritech's mission is to provide world class contract manufacturing and engineering life cycle support services for the Department of Defense, Aerospace,

Energy, and Industrial sectors. As the company's VP of Operations, Corbin McCall supports the men and women of Maritech in all operational requirements to ensure product excellence and customer satisfaction. Prior to his current role, Mr. McCall has served from the ground up in roles at Maritech such as paint coatings, fabrication, drafting, design, CNC machining, CNC programming, inspection, engineering, process planning, scheduling, and project management.

Mr. McCall is an alumnus of the University of West Florida College of Business School, as well as Harvard Business School.

Mr. McCall is the new Vice President of CGIA. He has served previously as executive committee board member of FAME USA and as a current board member of the Engineering Technology Committee for Gulf Coast State College, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Central Gulf Industrial Alliance, Board of Directors Bay County Chamber of Commerce, as well as honorary commander for Tyndall Air Force Base as the 325th Fighter Wing commander.

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