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## **DRMA RELEASES ITS 2023 MANUFACTURING TOP ISSUES LIST**

DAYTON – The Dayton Region Manufacturers Association (DRMA) has released its 2023 Top Issues List. DRMA’s Government Relations Committee conducts an annual survey to better understand the issues that are important to its manufacturer member companies in the Dayton Region.

As has been the case for the last ten annual surveys, the shortage of skilled workers remains the top issue. Finding technically skilled and productive workers can be a challenge for manufacturers in the Dayton Region. A highly trained and skilled workforce is essential for these companies to be able to meet the demand for goods and services. DRMA members support initiatives that attract, train, develop, and retain our workforce.

Increasing cost of doing business moved up to the second highest concern for responders. When surveyed, members cited increased costs for raw materials, labor, and healthcare as a major issue impacting their business. There is also growing price resistance from customers, making it hard for companies to pass on increased business expenses.

81 manufacturing companies throughout the region responded to the survey. They answered questions ranging from government policy issues to specific problems they predict will affect their businesses in the coming year.

The Top Issues List is used to determine areas of focus and programs and services that DRMA can offer to help resolve these concerns. It is a part of DRMA’s promise to advocate and advance the interests of its members and the manufacturing industry as a whole.

“DRMA cannot operate efficiently without knowing what issues are keeping our members up at night,” said Chuck Dryer, territory manager at Industrial Tube and Steel and DRMA board member. “Our yearly top issues survey is our tool used to effectively discover those issues that are of the most importance and bring about programming that is focused on addressing these concerns.”

To view the full list [click here](#). For more information, visit the DRMA website at [www.DaytonRMA.org](http://www.DaytonRMA.org).

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*The Dayton Region Manufacturers Association (DRMA) is the voice and advocate for the manufacturing industry in the Dayton Region, providing programming, education, and peer-to-peer connectivity opportunities for members serving the aerospace, automotive, food/agriculture, defense, electronics, medical, and other markets. DRMA has 330 member companies, including 200 manufacturers located across the region. The manufacturing industry in the Dayton Region employs over 129,000 workers earning \$9.8 billion in annual payroll. For more information about DRMA, visit [www.DaytonRMA.org](http://www.DaytonRMA.org).*