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**Janice COOPER - RE: Mfg Council: "The Power of Networking" and the CapitalArea Tooling Partnership**

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**Date:** 8/15/2006 11:46 AM  
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*It is ok*

*Bob*

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**From:** Janice COOPER [mailto:COOPERJ1@michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2006 11:08 AM  
**To:** Bob Sherer  
**Subject:** Re: Mfg Council: "The Power of Networking" and the CapitalArea Tooling Partnership

Thanks, Bob. Is it o.k. to place this as one of the success stories in the MiRSA employer success stories database we are compiling? And if so, is it o.k. to mention the employer's name, etc?

>>> "Bob Sherer" <bsherer@camw.net> 8/10/2006 4:15 PM >>>  
 I am passing along another success story from our "electronic neighborhood."

Council member Cameron Tool intends to apply for a Tool and Die Recovery Zone (involves tax abatements). Tool Trend and Diamond Engineering were working with Cameron to form a collaborative. However, four companies are required to form a collaborative. An e-mail to our network linked Cameron with MC Molds of Williamston and the **Capital Area Tooling Partnership** was born. Networking worked again! Other members have helped the "partnership" – kudos to the MMA, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce and Lansing EDC.

Carey Combs of Cameron says there is still time for others to join and strengthen the partnership – Carey's contact info appears below.

If you are not a dues-paying member – you can strengthen our network by joining CAMC now – see <http://www.camconline.org/index/21>.

The initial request follows:

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To help tool and die shops remain competitive, the state of Michigan offers tax abatements (e.g. personal property tax, SBT) in return for companies making a commitment to work together (e.g. sales and marketing) in a program called the Tool and Die Recovery Zone. The state partially reimburses localities for the lost revenues.

Three local companies are working on an application to be designated a "recovery zone" but additional companies are needed. Please contact Carey Combs (517-487-3671 x322, or [careyc@camerontool.com](mailto:careyc@camerontool.com)) at Cameron Tool (council member) if you are interested. Companies must be under 75 employees to be eligible.

Please use your personal contact networks on this – not all tool and die shops are members of the council (yet). Thank you.

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