



August 23, 2019

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer,

Mayville Engineering Company (MEC) was founded in 1945 in Mayville, Wisconsin. The facilities in Byron Center and Wayland primarily produce Harley Davidson frames and Honda ATV and side-by-side frames. Our production associates do welding (hand and robotic), tube bending, stamping, and assembly on complex assemblies. As the need for skilled workers grows within the manufacturing industry, MEC has worked with multiple organizations to promote opportunities for varying populations. MEC has partnerships with 70 x 7 for individuals who have been incarcerated, Bethany Christian Services for refugees, Hello West Michigan and MEC also attends job fairs for veterans. In addition to these services, MEC works with West Michigan Works! and through programs such as the Going Pro Talent Fund, MEC has been able to send employees, such as Bob Farmer, through apprenticeship programs offered through GRCC.

Bob began his career in manufacturing at MEC 8 years ago. He started out as Robot Operator and then moved into a Material Handler position driving Hi-Lo. After that, Bob moved to a Process Tech position where he worked on troubleshooting for the robotic welders as well as hand-welding and re-welding as needed. In his current role as a Maintenance Apprentice, Bob is looking forward to growing his skillset and knowledge of the different aspects of maintaining the equipment at MEC.



Sincerely,

Michelle Ostling
Training and Development Coordinator