

*Five First District Manufacturers to Participate in December Trip*

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**HARTFORD – Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) and U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration District Director Anne Evans**

announced today that next week eight local Connecticut Aerospace manufacturers will travel to Montreal to participate in an international trade mission.

From December 5-8, the local businesses will participate in an Aerospace Innovation Conference, a full day of pre-scheduled one-on-one business appointments with Canadian Manufacturers and representatives, attend a networking reception at the US Consul General's residence, take a plant tour of Bombardier Aerospace in Montreal and receive counseling by the US Commercial Service Montreal aerospace specialist.

“At a time when even local businesses must compete globally, international trade missions like next month's in Montreal are an invaluable asset,” Congressman Larson said. “This mission helps our local manufacturers gain an opening into new markets and take home skills and best practices that they may previously have not considered.”

“This mission and all of our export related services are focused on creating new jobs and sustaining jobs here in Connecticut,” Evans said. “We expect the eight companies participating in this mission will develop new business or increase their sales in Canada.”

This trade mission is part of an ongoing effort in the First Congressional District to help Connecticut manufactures maintain and build upon their competitive advantage. Last week Congressman Larson hosted an informational breakfast for manufacturers to explain the recently announced CT Job Match initiative.

The First Congressional District businesses that will be participating include:

- **AdChem Manufacturing Technologies** in Manchester
- **Aerodyne Alloys** in South Windsor
- **Kaman Helicopters and Kaman Aerostructures** in Bloomfield
- **Colonial Spring Company** in Bristol
- **Lee Spring Company** in Bristol

Other participating businesses include:

- **Alpha Q Inc** in Colchester
- **Jonal Labs** in Meriden
- **Ulbrich Stainless Steels and Special Metals** in North Haven

Canada is currently home to the fifth largest aerospace manufacturing economy in the world.

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