



German American
Chambers of Commerce
Deutsch-Amerikanische
Handelskammern

German-American Networking Event – Connect with Manufacturing Companies from Brandenburg

GACC Midwest Office 35th floor, [150 North Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL](#)

September 9, 2025

2:30 – 3:00	Doors open, Registration & Networking
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3:00 – 3:05	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dirk Schulz, <i>Deputy Consul General</i>, Consulate of the Federal Republic of Germany
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3:05 – 3:10	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sebastian Saule, <i>Managing Director</i>, Economic Development Agency Brandenburg (WFBB)
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	Moderated Discussion: “The Future of Manufacturing in Illinois: Workforce, Innovation & Global Opportunities”
3:10 – 3:35	Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none">Britta Schneider, <i>Deputy Director, Government Projects & Trade Missions</i>, GACC Midwest Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none">David Boulay, <i>President</i>, Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC)Bruno Oliveira, <i>Digital Solutions Manager</i>, Mitsubishi Electric

	Meet the Brandenburg Delegation: Company Pitches <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sergei Altynbaev, <i>Managing Director</i>, Ailoy's GmbHDr.-Ing. Alexander Sviridov, <i>Chief Engineer</i>, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg
3:35 – 4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">René Markgraf, <i>CEO</i>, IBAR Systemtechnik GmbHRüdiger Schaaf, <i>CEO</i>, Lausitzer Stahlbau Ruhland GmbHMichiel Ubink, <i>Managing Director</i>, miscea GmbHRob Lagendijk, <i>Technical Director</i>, miscea GmbHKurt Wittmann, <i>Director International Sales</i>, Oligo Surface Controls

	Networking & B2B-“Speed-Dating”
4:00 – 5:00	<i>Enjoy networking over refreshments and appetizers and connect with German manufacturing companies through scheduled 15-minute business meetings.</i>
