

Advanced Plant Engineering for Battery Manufacturing & Recycling

Detroit Panel Session & Networking

Date: Tuesday, December 2nd 2025

Location: Miller Canfield ([150 W. Jefferson Ave., #2500 Detroit, MI 48226](#))

Time	Program
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration, Coffee and Networking
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome Remarks & Introduction • Joseph Gustavus, Principal, Miller Canfield • Jan-Felix Kederer, Manager, Government Projects & Trade Missions, GACC Midwest MC: Joseph Gustavus, Principal, Miller Canfield
9:15 – 9:25 AM	Overview of Trends in German Battery Manufacturing • Benedikt Rothhagen, Project Manager Battery Production, VDMA
9:25 – 09:35 AM	German Delegation Innovation Pitches (3 min each) • Azo GmbH • Bosch Rexroth • Digatron Power Electronics GmbH
09:35 – 10:15 AM	Panel Session: Smart Factory Integration: Advancing Automation and Production Efficiency in Battery Manufacturing Panelists: • James Cruz, Business Development Manager, KUKA Robotics • Drew Coleman, Senior Director, MichAuto

	Kyle Veugeler, Technical Account Manager - System Engineer – Batteries US, Siemens Moderation: Austin Hanohano, Director of Sales and Business Development, Digatron
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break and Networking
10:30 – 10:50 AM	German Delegation Innovation Pitches: (3 min each) - Dürr Systems AG - Exacom GmbH - FEV Consulting GmbH - Held Technologie GmbH - Herding Filtertechnik GmbH - Liebherr Gear Technology and Automation Systems
10:50 – 11:30 AM	Panel Session: Closing the Loop – Advanced Recycling and Circular Engineering in Battery Manufacturing Panelists: - Viktor Bayrhof, Product Manager Automation Systems, Liebherr Gear Technology & Automation Systems (tbc) - Sree Palle, Managing Director, FEV Consulting (tbc) Moderation: Dr. Christopher Borroni-Bird, Founder, Afreecar LLC
11:30 – 11:50 AM	German Delegation Innovation Pitches: (3 min each) - Manugy GmbH - Montratec GmbH - Purtec Engineering GmbH - Schaeffler Sondermaschinenbau AG & Co. KG - Venjakob Maschinenbau GmbH & Co. KG - Wittenstein Alpha GmbH
11:50 AM – 1:30 PM	Light Lunch, Networking & One-on-one meetings
1:30 PM	End of the event