

# Draft Agenda Automate

Please note that this agenda is a working draft and may be updated or modified at any time.

Thursday, June 25, 2026	
3:00pm	End of Automate Trade Show
3:30pm	Possible Site Visit:  <b>MxD:</b> MxD (Manufacturing × Digital) is the U.S. Digital Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Institute. In partnership with the Department of Defense, it convenes manufacturers, academics, and government stakeholders to advance digital adoption, strengthen cybersecurity practices, and develop workforce skills across the U.S. industrial base. Its Chicago facility features a state-of-the-art factory floor for hands-on innovation.
5:00pm-7:00pm	German-American Automate Networking Reception  GACC Midwest Office 150 N Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60601
Friday, June 26, 2026	
9:00am	Site Visit  Possible Options:  <b>International Precision Components Corporation:</b> IPCC is a U.S. manufacturer of industrial plastic packaging products, specializing in injection molding with mid- to large-tonnage presses. The company integrates automated molding, robotic part handling, and in-house tooling, engineering, assembly, and distribution to serve multiple industrial markets.  <b>Siemens:</b> operates engineering, R&D, assembly, and testing operations for building automation technologies. The facility showcases digital control



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	<p>systems, energy management, fire safety, and smart infrastructure solutions used in large-scale commercial and industrial environments.</p> <p><b>NorthStar Aerospace:</b> Northstar Aerospace operates a Chicago-area facility specializing in flight-critical gears, transmissions, and drivetrain systems for rotary- and fixed-wing aircraft. The site supports precision manufacturing, assembly, and maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services for major global aerospace programs.</p>
11:00am	<p>Roundtable + Lunch</p> <p>Potential Roundtable Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automation as a tool for resilience – how does automation improve supply-chain resilience, flexibility, and risk management?</li> <li>• Automations as a climate solution – how are companies quantifying the emissions impact of automation when making investment decisions?</li> <li>• Workforce and Automation – how do companies upskill workers while deploying robotics and AI?</li> </ul>
1:00pm	<p>Site Visit</p> <p>Possible Options:</p> <p><b>Gotion:</b> Gotion Illinois runs a large-scale battery and energy storage manufacturing facility in Manteno, Illinois. The site produces lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery systems and integrated energy storage solutions, supporting electric vehicles, grid storage, and clean-energy infrastructure while creating significant regional economic and workforce impact.</p> <p><b>Honeywell:</b> Honeywell’s Chicagoland operations support engineering, R&amp;D, sales, and field services for aerospace, energy, and smart buildings. Local teams develop and deploy industrial automation, including advanced process control, building automation systems, robotics-supported manufacturing, and AI-driven digital platforms that optimize production, safety, and energy efficiency</p>



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	<p><b>Siemens:</b> Siemens' Chicago-area operations host the North American headquarters for Smart Infrastructure Buildings, with assembly, R&amp;D, engineering, and labs. Local work centers on building automation, industrial IoT, microgrids, digital twins, and AI-enabled control systems for smart buildings, factories, and critical infrastructure</p>
3:00pm	Conclusion of Events



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