

## Plastics Executives and Fellow National Association of Manufacturers Board Members Meet with President Trump



*Photo Caption: Joseph Eddy, President, Eagle Manufacturing Company (left), Patricia Miller, CEO & President, Matrix 4, Inc (center) and Carolina Color Corporation Chairman and CEO Matt Barr (right) traveled to Washington, D.C., today to meet with President Donald Trump.*

Washington, D.C., March 31, 2017 – Patricia Miller, CEO & President, Matrix 4, Inc. and Joseph Eddy, President, Eagle Manufacturing Company and Carolina Color Corporation Chairman and CEO Matt Barr traveled to Washington, D.C., today to meet with President Donald Trump at the White House to discuss the ways excessive, unbalanced regulations are harming small manufacturers and their ability to create jobs.



*Photo Caption: Carolina Color Corporation Chairman and CEO Matt Barr (far left) traveled to Washington, D.C., today to meet with President Donald Trump.*

“We are grateful for the chance to meet with the president today and share with the White House directly which regulations remain obstacles to manufacturers’ success. We are optimistic about the future; however, we know there is much work to be done, not only on regulatory reform but also on infrastructure investment, workforce development and comprehensive tax reform.”

The meeting comes as the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) released its first Manufacturers’ Outlook Survey since President Trump took office, showing more than 93 percent of manufacturers are feeling positive about their economic outlook. This is the highest reading in the survey’s 20-year history, up from 56.6 percent one year ago and 77.8 percent in December.

A full write-up of the NAM’s survey is available [here](#).

“Across America, manufacturers’ optimism is soaring, in no small part because of President Trump’s laser-like focus on pursuing bold action, particularly on regulatory reform, to accelerate a jobs surge in America,” said NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons. “Small manufacturers—more than 90 percent of our membership—are among the hardest hit by regulatory obstacles. Regulatory costs for small manufacturers with fewer than 50 employees total almost \$35,000 per employee per year—money that could otherwise go to creating jobs. It’s encouraging to see an administration so focused on providing regulatory relief to spur manufacturing growth.”

Small and medium-sized manufacturers are the backbone of the manufacturing industry and at the heart of the NAM’s membership. The NAM’s Power of Small campaign spotlights their important role, contributions and concerns. For more information, visit [www.nam.org/PowerofSmall](http://www.nam.org/PowerofSmall).

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