

U.S. Senator Visits Growing Sun Prairie Company

During his Manufacturing Month tour, Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson visited TST, a leader in innovative materials science

SUN PRAIRIE, WI. (October 13, 2014) – U.S. Senator for Wisconsin Ron Johnson visited TST on Friday, October 10th to continue his Wisconsin Manufacturing Month tours and visits, a celebration which runs throughout the entire month of October. Senator Johnson’s visit began with a tour of TST’s medical device and production cells at their original location at 515 Progress Way in Sun Prairie. A brief Q&A session in the lunch room with about 15 TST employees followed the tour.

Next stop for the Senator was TST’s newest facility located at 210 Business Park Drive – both facilities are located in the same Sun Prairie business park. Senator Johnson received a tour of the building renovation project that is currently underway along with brief tutorials on TST’s high-tech oil and gas and medical industry operations and new state of the art equipment housed in this 92,000 sq. ft. building. The Senator followed this second tour with another Q&A session in the lunch room with employees located at this facility.

One recurring question during both of Friday’s Q&A sessions was, “How can we further educate people about the importance of voting and knowing what is going on in Washington?” Mr. Johnson replied by stating “If I’m here informing two dozen TST employees of the importance of voting and being involved, and each of you inform one to two dozen of your friends, family and colleagues, then collectively we can ignite a viral education chain that will stimulate public interest in the electoral process and stress the importance of everyone’s involvement in the process of electing our future political leaders.”

Senator Johnson also added that “The purpose of Wisconsin Manufacturing Month is to highlight how much manufacturing contributes to our state — especially how manufacturing offers well-paid jobs across a wide range of skill levels and interests. It is encouraging to see Wisconsin education officials joining state agencies and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce in spreading this message during the month. We need to overcome the attitude that work in manufacturing is second-class and that



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working in the skilled trades is undesirable. All work has value and provides the dignity of earning one's own success. From my 31 years as a manufacturer, working with skilled, dedicated Wisconsin employees, I can attest that careers in manufacturing are a great way to make a living."



From L to R: Dick Wilkey, CEO and Founder of the Fisher Barton Group, Bill Lenling, President of TST and Senator Ron Johnson peek inside TST's HVOF spray cell



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From L to R: Peter Zoellner, TST Applications Engineer, Senator Ron Johnson, Dick Wilkey and Andrew Birkett, Product Engineer at TST, discuss TST and Pacar's mutual customer relationships inside TST's newest Quality Lab



Senator Ron Johnson explains to TST Cell Technician, Ian Tomkiewicz, the importance of educating ourselves on local, state and national legislative candidates and the issues they support.