



**Business matters.**

## Did you know?

- Today's skilled and professional workforce is aging out and the next generation of new talent is not sufficiently skilled to fill the demand.
- There are an estimated 5.6 million job openings nationwide, with approximately 60,000 of those in Arkansas. The majority are in high skilled technical fields.
- Manufacturing represents more than 90 percent of Arkansas's exports.

The goal of **Connecting Educators to Industry** is to connect educators with industry experts in regions across the state and provide research, data, and information that can be shared with students as they make decisions about future career paths in manufacturing, trucking, construction, agriculture and other industries in Arkansas.

The amazing **Be Pro Be Proud** unit will be onsite. All participants will experience the simulations inside and learn how to schedule visits to schools across the state.



### Upon successful completion, participants will receive:

- Six hours of ADE certified professional development
- Curriculum resources
- Opportunity to visit with industry leaders
- Lunch
- \$50 stipend

**Registration** is available through the **Event Calendar** at [www.economicsarkansas.org](http://www.economicsarkansas.org).

*Fee: \$25.00 (Fee is refundable to teachers from Economics Arkansas partner school systems upon successful completion of the workshop or if cancellation is received two weeks prior to the day of the workshop.)*

**June 8:** Baldor Technology Center, University of Arkansas Fort Smith  
**June 22:** Maumelle High School and Westrock Coffee Plant  
**June 30:** Grand Prairie Center, Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, Stuttgart  
**July 11:** Agriculture Technology Center, Arkansas State University, Beebe  
**July 19:** El Dorado High School  
**July 28:** Arkansas Northeastern College, Blytheville