



September 2014

Rocky Hill, CT

Attendees included:

- Sen. Chris Murphy
- Paul Pescatello, Chair WWFH Connecticut
- Dave Roche, Business Manager SMART Local 40

"This training facility represents the intersection of life-saving cures and good jobs."

-Senator Murphy

"Two years ago we were at 50 percent unemployment. Now we're recruiting students for our training center."

- Dave Roche

Industry and Labor Combine Forces

On Thursday, September 25, 2014, Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut toured the state-of-the-art training facility at Sheet Metal Workers Local 40 outside Hartford, CT.

The event was hosted by the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) Local 40, We Work for Health Connecticut and the Pharmaceutical Industry Labor - Management Association (PILMA).

Other in attendance included the

Union Of Elevator Constructors Local 91, Foundation for Fair Contracting, IBEW Local 35, the Roofers Local 12 and 25 skilled union apprentices.

To demonstrate how industry and labor work together to create jobs, Business Representative Jeremy Zeedyk helped guide the tour. After participating in Helmets to Hardhats following his service in the U.S. Navy, Jeremy developed the skills to win a national SMART skills competition and now works at Local 40.

Life Sciences Boost Connecticut's Economy

The biopharmaceutical industry develops life-saving cures worldwide and is an economic driver in Connecticut.

In 2011, the industry directly and indirectly supported a total of **58,058 jobs** in Connecticut. In addition, the Connecticut biopharmaceutical sector supported over **\$60 million in state taxes** from direct jobs.

Facilities like the one in Rocky Hill train skilled craftsmen and women to build

state-of-the-art facilities. This rigorous training makes them the top choice for cutting edge projects such as Farmington, Connecticut's Jackson Lab for Genomic Medicine.

To encourage medical innovation, trade unions have **invested over \$1 billion** in teaching the latest techniques and skills to their workers.

As a result, pharmaceutical companies have a reliable pool of skilled workers at their fingertips.



Local 40 Business Manager Dave Roche and Business Representative Jeremy Zeedyk explain to Senator Murphy the importance of SMART's training programs in providing Connecticut's pharmaceutical industry with the highest standards in the construction, renovation and maintenance of their facilities.