

Kelly Hansen of Park Industries® TO JOIN LANDMARK GATHERING OF STATE & FEDERAL STEM EDUCATION LEADERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT WILL HELP INFORM NEXT 5-YEAR STEM EDUCATION STRATEGY

[St. Cloud, MN] – Vice President of Human Resources, Kelly Hansen of Park Industries® was recently invited to attend the first-of-its-kind State-Federal Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education Summit hosted by The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) on June 25-26, 2018, in Washington, D.C.

Kelly Hansen shares, “Park Industries® is invested in creating more visibility to the plethora of STEM related careers, not only for Park and our industry, but for the overall benefit of our future economy. As Park continues to grow, it is integral for us to continually seek new and innovative ways to promote STEM opportunities to the problem solvers of tomorrow. We are honored and excited to share input that will help form the future of STEM careers.”

According to the OSTP, the State-Federal STEM Education Summit will convene a diverse group of State STEM leaders, including officials from governors’ offices, K-20 educators, workforce and industry representatives, State policy experts, and non-government organization executives. These attendees will participate in the development of a new Federal 5-Year STEM Education Strategic Plan in compliance with America COMPETES Act of 2010.

“This event is the first time an administration has asked for this level of State input when developing a Federal STEM education strategy,” said Jeff Weld, senior policy advisor and assistant director for STEM education at OSTP. “Top-down approaches to STEM education can often yield wonderful ideas, but it’s at the State and community level where the momentum happens. State leaders know best what kinds of programs will work in their communities, and where they need the power of the Federal government to help drive success in this field. STEM education is critical to preparing our students for the jobs of the future. We must do everything we can to ensure that Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, communities, educators, and private industry partners are united for the long-term success of our Nation.”

Alongside OSTP in planning and carrying out this Summit are the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the Smithsonian Institution. STEM leaders from all 50 states, as well as U.S. territories and tribes, will attend the Summit to illuminate and advance State-Federal STEM alignment.

In 1976, Congress established OSTP to provide the President and others within the Executive Office of the President with advice on the scientific, engineering, and technological aspects of the economy, national security, homeland security, health, foreign relations, the environment, and the technological recovery and use of resources, among other topics. OSTP also leads interagency science and technology policy coordination efforts, assists the Office of Management and Budget with an annual review and analysis of Federal research and

development in budgets, and serves as a source of scientific and technological analysis and judgment for the President with respect to major policies, plans, and programs of the Federal Government.

As the Vice President of Human Resources for Park Industries®, Kelly Hansen has the key focus of developing today's talent for the needs of tomorrow. Kelly Hansen has over 18 years of progressive HR Executive leadership and is a strategist for talent acquisition and employment branding. Kelly is a member of the Governor's Workforce Development Board and sits on the Board of Directors for the Central MN Manufacturer's Association.

Park Industries® has grown to become North America's largest stoneworking equipment manufacturer and has expanded their precision solutions into the metal cutting industry. Park machinery is proudly American Made, designed for maximum durability, minimal downtime, and high profitability. Park Industries® is based in St. Cloud, MN and employs associates in many STEM related fields, including, but not limited to Engineering, Machining, Welding, Electronics, and more.

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