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**National Manufacturing Day to be Celebrated on October 7 at NewView Oklahoma**  
*Open house to showcase manufacturing products and celebrate manufacturing employees  
who are blind and vision impaired*

**Oklahoma City, OK** – NewView Oklahoma will celebrate National Manufacturing Day by opening its downtown manufacturing center, 501 N. Douglas Ave., to the public on Friday October 7 from 10:00am until 2:00pm, including lunch with employees at noon. NewView Oklahoma is the state’s leading employer of individuals who are blind and vision impaired. These employees manufacture products for local and federal governments and the private sector, including fire hoses for the U.S. Forestry Service and OKC Fire Department, rations for the military and airplane wheel chocks for the Department of Defense.

- WHAT:** National Manufacturing Day
- WHO:** NewView Oklahoma employees (75% are blind or vision impaired) and the community
- WHEN:** Friday, October 7, 2016  
Tours scheduled for 10:30am and 1:00pm; lunch at noon
- WHERE:** NewView Oklahoma  
501 N. Douglas Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

**MEDIA NOTE: All visitors must check-in at the front office with receptionist.**

**Visual Notes:**

Photo and video opportunities are available with NewView employees, who work at the downtown location in several departments including fire hoses, vinyl, first aid and computer numerical control machining.

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**NewView Oklahoma** is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949 with a mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their maximum level of independence through employment, low vision rehabilitation, and community outreach. NewView Oklahoma offers the only comprehensive Low Vision Clinics in the state. Visit them online at [www.newviewoklahoma.org](http://www.newviewoklahoma.org). Follow them on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).

**Manufacturing Day<sup>SM</sup>** is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. Manufacturing Day officially occurs on the first Friday in October—this year is Oct 7, 2016. Manufacturing Day is determined to expand knowledge about and improve general public perception of manufacturing careers and manufacturing's value to the U.S. economy. Learn more at [www.mfgday.com](http://www.mfgday.com).