

# Accelerate Michigan: Leveraging Business Opportunities in Defense & Industry, in partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation

## Event Schedule: August 7, 2025

Time	Activity
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Registration, Coffee &amp; Networking</b> Training Room, LIFT HQ
10:00 am – 10:05 am	<b>Open Remarks and Welcome</b> Christine Longroy, Senior Director, Industrial Base Engagement, LIFT
10:05 am – 10:10 am	<b>MEDC Overview</b> John Gelmisi, Strategic Development Manager, MEDC's Office of Defense & Aerospace Innovation, MEDC
10:10 am – 11:00 am	<b>MEDC Panel: Preparedness in Industry 4.0, International Trade, Supply Chain Resiliency &amp; Capital Access, Aerospace &amp; Defense and Q&amp;A</b> Rodney Parkkonen, Director, Second State Growth, Industry 4.0 MEDC Alyssa Tracey, Director, International Trade, MEDC Bobby Chasnis, Director, Supply Chain Resiliency, MEDC John Gelmisi, Strategic Development Manager, MEDC's Office of Defense & Aerospace Innovation, MEDC Moderator: Tanya Markos-Vanno, Strategic Engagement Manager, MEDC
11:00 am – 11:10 am	<b>Break, Networking &amp; Tabletop Exhibits</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lunch area &amp; Training Room</i>
11:10 am – 11:30 am	<b>LIFT Overview</b> Addie Stone-Richards, Director, Member Engagement LIFT
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>LIFT: Mentor – Protégé Program Overview and Q&amp;A</b> Beth Cryderman Moss, Director of Contracts, LIFT
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Lunch, Networking &amp; Tabletop Exhibits</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lunch area &amp; Training Room</i>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>LIFT Highbay Tour</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks Adjourn</b> Christine Longroy, Senior Director, Industrial Base Engagement, LIFT