

# AIAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



**Welding Supply Corp.**

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Metro Welding Supply has been in business since 1937. They are a third-generation family-owned business headquartered in Detroit, Michigan.

Metro Welding Supply has two other locations in Michigan. Having multiple locations allows them to extend their delivery radius down to Toledo, OH, Flint, MI, Lansing, MI, and Ontario, Canada.

The team at Metro Welding is engaged in various degrees of the aerospace industry. Two of their sales team members are dedicated to servicing the industrial fabrication and tooling needs of the aerospace industry.

The products and services that Metro Welding Supply provides can be used in a multitude of applications and industries.

It is important to have a diverse, strong, and broad customer base and Michigan offers just that. Being based in Michigan, Metro Welding does not have to live and die by the automotive industry, they have access, opportunities, and scale offered by one of the industrial and manufacturing capitals of the world.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

85

### **HOW DOES THE AEROSPACE ASPECT OF YOUR BUSINESS BENEFIT FROM THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN MICHIGAN?**

"The Covid-19 crisis has brought to light the amazing flexibility and speed of the automotive industry to pivot to produce products in a time of national need. For us and our customers, it is imperative to be able to make changes as needed to maintain the vitality and strength of our economy.

Considering this, I am confident in our aerospace and automotive supplier's ability to react and respond and maintain strong businesses in the face of the unknown."

### **AS AN AIAM MEMBER, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING MICHIGAN AND THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?**

"The automotive industry can cast a large shadow. It is important to leverage the commonalities within the two industries, but not at the expense of one another."

### **WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND VISION FOR YOUR COMPANY OVER THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS?**

"Metro Welding Supply has a corporate goal to provide exemplary service and products at all times without exception or excuses. We plan to expand upon this core goal by being flexible and nimble and open to new opportunities as they arise."

### **WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU SEE EXIST IN MICHIGAN FOR THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?**

"As modes of transportation seemingly converge on an autonomous future, we anticipate the vehicles of the future becoming more and more alike. In the future we see Michigan participating in the entire mobility industry!"

### **GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT**

"The greatest accomplishment of our Company to date has been maintaining family ownership and a "family" culture within the business for all of our team members."