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## SEAMS Important Newsletter



Omni Grove Park Inn

### SEAMS Spring Networking Conference

OMNI Grove Park Inn  
Asheville, NC  
May 16-17, 2017

Save the Date!



### SEAMS Partners with AFFOA

At our recent SEAMS Fall Conference, we had the opportunity to hear from Dr. Tairan Wang, COO of AFFOA (Advanced Functional Fabric of America). As we learned from his exciting and well-received presentation, the core element of AFFOA's approach is to facilitate a domestic "Made in America" manufacturing capability in advanced fabrics based on US innovation.

We are very excited to announce that SEAMS and AFFOA have decided to become members of each other's associations. To further the collaboration between the organizations and members, SEAMS will represent our members within AFFOA by communicating all questions and comments that arise from SEAMS members on this exciting opportunity.

The AFFOA mission is to enable a manufacturing-based revolution by transforming of traditional fibers, yarns, and textiles into highly sophisticated integrated and networked devices and systems and facilitate the conversion of the textile industry into an Intellectual Property (IP)-differentiated, value-added, high-tech industry. To learn more about AFFOA, visit [join.affoa.org](http://join.affoa.org).

## Industry News

[Lectra launches Modaris V8 solution to boost fashion product development](#)  
[Sterlingwear of Boston/Panzini family donate coats](#)  
[Minnesota Knitting Mills receives 2016 Minnesota Excellence Award](#)  
[Champion Thread Company promotes Jim Lee to the position of Vice President](#)  
[Messe Frankfurt North America Celebrates its 25th Anniversary](#)

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## Open Capacity Production

A 23-year-old experienced sewing manufacturer producing over 1 million military garments and flags per year, solely in the USA, has significant open capacity for production. All parties interested in a high volume manufacturer, please call (305) 218-2105.

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## Business For Sale

After 35 years in business, the owner of Junior Cheerleaders of America is ready to slow down. This is an opportunity for someone to buy a growing company and take it to the next level. JCA is a direct marketer and manufacturer of school spirit products with \$2 million in annual sales. Customers include USA schools, youth leagues and pom-pom squads.

The company has excellent credit, offers advertising and market-planning and creative services for brand development plus potential for web-development and social media management growth. Embroidering equipment a plus. In-house or basic cut and sew and marketing manufacturing not part of the package.

Jim Morrisroe, Owner  
7000 North Newark Avenue, Niles, IL 60714  
(847) 588-2233

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## Upcoming Events

[Spring Networking Conference](#) - May 16-17, 2017 - Asheville, NC  
[Texprocess Americas](#) - May 22-24, 2018 - Atlanta, GA

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## Welcome New SEAMS Members

[Bluewater Defense, Inc.](#)  
[Eastex Products, Inc.](#)  
[Gentry Mills, Inc.](#)  
[Carolina CoverTech, Inc.](#)  
[Agee Fashion Institute - Preparatory Academy](#)  
[F H Bonn](#)  
[Usner Products, Inc.](#)  
[Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio](#)  
[AFFOA - Advanced Functional Fabrics of America](#)

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