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PEKO EXTENDS SPONSORSHIP WITH STARTUP INCUBATOR TO HELP BRIDGE GAP FROM PROTOTYPE TO SCALED PRODUCTION

PEKO announces two-year strategic sponsorship of FORGE to fuel east coast startup ecosystem by helping accelerate the development of physical product innovations from prototype through full-scale production with 50+ years of new product development engineering and production manufacturing expertise.

ROCHESTER, NY (June 16, 2022) – In order to facilitate physical product innovation and bring its expertise in engineering and manufacturing, PEKO has signed on as a two-year sponsor of [FORGE](#), a nonprofit Massachusetts-based startup incubator and innovation community. The strategic sponsorship will bring together PEKO's new product development experts and FORGE's network of entrepreneurs and innovators to help advance new ideas, products, and technology from idea to prototype to product.

As part of this agreement, FORGE will identify promising, cutting-edge technology startups to make right-fit connections to PEKO, while mitigating any risks and providing the training and support needed to ensure a successful collaborative relationship. PEKO's contribution will be to collaborate with these startups on the development of their technology and provide the expertise needed to commercialize their physical products.

FORGE has created a unique ecosystem to provide critical support to physical product startups, enabling them to source their supply chains from initial prototype and design through full-scale production. Since its inception, they've supported over 500 startups from many sectors, including [Aerospace & Defense](#), [Energy Generation Storage & Distribution](#), [Medical Device & Diagnostics](#), [Robotics & Process Efficiency](#), and more.

"PEKO's rich history in [New Product Development](#) and [Turnkey Manufacturing](#) makes us an ideal business partner to support FORGE's mission," said Mark Frosino, NPI Manager at PEKO. "We uniquely understand the high standards and intricacies for development of new, high-tech applications and look forward to collaborating with FORGE to identify and support the growth of these next-generation technologies."

This extension of [PEKO's 2021 FORGE sponsorship](#) highlights the company's commitment to advancing innovation and bringing disruptive technology to market. In addition to its partnership with FORGE, PEKO supports a growing network of startup incubators and innovation accelerators around New England.

About PEKO: PEKO Precision Products is a leading contract manufacturer providing turnkey manufacturing solutions for machinery, equipment, and major electromechanical assemblies. PEKO's capabilities span the entire product lifecycle, including design, engineering, development, machining, sheet metal fabrication, electrical integration, assembly, and full-scale production. Learn more at pekoprecision.com.

About FORGE: FORGE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit on a mission to help innovators navigate the journey from physical prototype through to commercial scale and impact. FORGE uniquely focuses on manufacturing: helping startups and innovative companies prepare to manufacture new products, and connect to and working with right-fit, regional suppliers. This addresses crucial gaps and accelerates their path to market. Further, localizing production reduces the carbon footprint of manufacturing. Learn more at forgemass.com.

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