On Wednesday, August 22nd 2018, Superior Graphite received a visit from United States Secretary of Labor, Alexander Acosta and Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Linda McMahon. The visit lasted roughly 2 hours and consisted of a safety presentation, a tour of our plant (located at 6540 S Laramie Avenue in Bedford Park, IL 60638), and a round table discussion.

During the tour of our manufacturing plant, Secretary Acosta and Administrator McMahon were shown our various graphite grades and products and learned what finished goods those grades and products go into. They were presented with information on our packaging systems, milling technologies, and other operational processes.

Employees at our Bedford Park plant were delighted to be able to meet the Secretary and Administrator. They enjoyed sharing their hard work with everyone and explaining what makes their jobs special and what makes our company unique.

After the tour of our facility, Secretary Acosta and Administrator McMahon lead a round table discussion where they shared their opinions and plans for the future of manufacturing and small businesses across the country. The discussion also included members from Superior Graphite, Jupiter Aluminum, National Tube Supply, Samuel Metal Spinners, and White Graphics, Inc. Other topics that were discussed included opportunities in workforce development, skills gaps, and apprenticeships.

We were honored to have hosted such an important and informative event. Getting small businesses together and discussing these important topics with Secretary Acosta and Administrator McMahon was eye opening and thought provoking for all involved.