

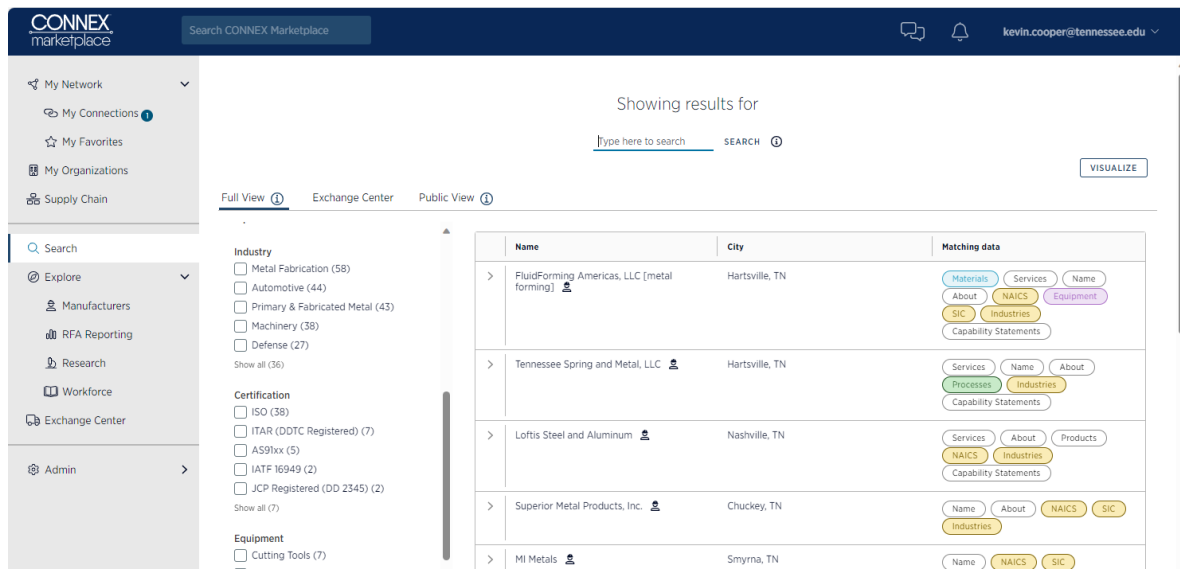


CONNEX Tennessee - Advanced Searching

A Guide to Better Searches

Welcome to CONNEX Tennessee! Clearly the best way to search for potential suppliers is to submit a Supplier Scouting request in Connex. I strongly encourage you to let me (Kevin.Cooper@Tennessee.edu) walk you through your first request so that you will get the best possible response from other companies.

Another way to search for potential suppliers is to do a standard search, but this often gives you results that are too limited or broad (see below).



The screenshot shows the CONNEX marketplace search interface. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for Name, City, and Matching data. The matching data column contains various tags representing different attributes of the suppliers.

Name	City	Matching data
FluidForming Americas, LLC [metal forming]	Hartsville, TN	Materials, Services, Name, About, NAICS, Equipment, SIC, Industries, Capability Statements
Tennessee Spring and Metal, LLC	Hartsville, TN	Services, Name, About, Processes, Industries, Capability Statements
Loftis Steel and Aluminum	Nashville, TN	Services, About, Products, NAICS, Industries, Capability Statements
Superior Metal Products, Inc.	Chuckey, TN	Name, About, NAICS, SIC, Industries
MI Metals	Smyrna, TN	Name, NAICS, SIC

To get the most out of CONNEX Tennessee searches, it is wise to use **advanced filters**. The following advanced search options will go a long way in helping you discover Tennessee companies that meet your specific criteria:

Using **Advanced Searching** in Connex TN

Search by:

Returns:

Metal Fabrication	Any TN manufacturer with metal or fabrication in their organizational profile. Same as Metal OR Fabrication.
Metal AND Fabrication	Any TN manufacturer with metal AND fabrication in their organizational profile.
"Metal Fabrication"	Any TN manufacturer with <u>Metal Fabrication</u> in their organizational profile.
Metal AND Fabrication OR Steel	Any TN manufacturer with <u>Metal AND Fabrication</u> or <u>Steel</u> in their organizational profile.

Boolean Operations: + and - in Connex TN

Search by:

Returns:

+ Metal Fabrication	<u>Metal</u> must be present, <u>Fabrication</u> is optional in the TN manufacturer profile
- Metal + Fabrication	<u>Metal</u> must NOT be present, <u>Fabrication</u> is optional in the TN manufacturer profile

Fuzzy Searching in Connex TN

Search by:

Returns:

Metal ~	Will search for words that are like <u>Metal</u> which includes <u>Metal</u> in the TN manufacturers organizational profile
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