Strengthening U.S. Manufacturing: Manufacturing USA[®] and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Manufacturing USA and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) coordinate complementary public-private partnerships to assist U.S. manufacturers. Both are headquartered at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and support U.S. industry to manufacture high-quality American made products that compete in the global marketplace.



Manufacturing USA is a national network of 16 manufacturing innovation institutes created to secure U.S. global leadership in advanced manufacturing through large-scale public-private collaboration on technology, supply chain, and education and workforce development. The institutes, sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Defense, Energy and Commerce, partner with six additional federal agencies.



MEP • MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

MEP is a public-private partnership with Centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico – with over 1,400 trusted advisors and experts at more than 385 MEP service locations working sideby-side with manufacturers to reduce costs, improve efficiencies, develop the next generation workforce, create new products, find new markets and more.

Serving U.S. Manufacturers Throughout the Full Product Life Cycle

Manufacturing USA:

Builds future manufacturing capabilities through applied research for technology development, along with the requisite workforce skills.



MEP: Focuses on deployment of available technology and business practices primarily to small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs).

Distinct Approaches, One Outcome: Strengthening U.S. Manufacturing



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Go-To Resources for U.S. Manufacturing

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MANUFACTURING USA INSTITUTES		MEP CENTERS	
Advanced Manufacturing Technology	 Develop specific new and innovative manufacturing technologies Scale-up new manufacturing technologies to produce new 	Business Practices	 Lean and Continuous Improvement, Quality Management, Sustainability, Business Growth Services, Financial Services, Supply Chain Services, Risk Management
Innovation	 Products and processes across entire industry sectors Spur creation and expansion of 	Technical Services	Engineering Services/Plant Layout, Cybersecurity and Information Technology Services, Advanced Manufacturing Technology/Industry
Ecosystems	local and regional technology ecosystems		4.0 Services, Product Development support, Process Integration
-	Work across the national innovation ecoystem to strengthen manufacturing	Innovation Ecosystems	 Go-to resource for building manufacturing communities within states
Workforce	 Strengthen workforce pipeline in specific technologies 	Workforce	 Talent planning; customized skills training, including apprenticeships & industry recognized certifications; connections with state & local resources
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Large-scale collaboration with multiple organizations working together on R&D innovation projects		Primarily one-on-one interactions between MEP Centers and SMMs in their state	
16 national institutes , each with a particular technology focus. Members include companies and universities from all 50 states and Puerto Rico.		51 MEP Centers located in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, trusted advisors and experts at MEP service locations serve local manufacturers but collaborate and share expertise nationally.	
Members join institutes and gain access to each other, shared facilities, technology, equipment, intellectual property, and training and development opportunities.		Centers work within a state ecosystem and provide fee-for-services to manufacturers.	
Public-private Partnership		Public-private Partnership	
Public funders: Departments of Commerce (1 institute), Defense (9 institutes), Energy (6 institutes)		Public funder: Department of Commerce	
Matching funds provided by member companies, academic organizations, and state and local governments.		Additional funding from state and local governments.	



Cybersecurity for manufacturers



Joint Projects

Education and workforce development in advanced technologies for SMMs



Technology transfer and implementation from the institutes

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