MEP AT OHIO STATE EXTERNAL PARTNERS

The Ohio State University’s Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence (CDME) has been chosen by the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) to support the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). This program is a logical extension of The Ohio State University’s land grant mission and provides access to the resources of the university for small to medium-sized manufacturing enterprises (SMMEs) in the 37 counties located in Central and Southeast Ohio regions.

The MEP initiative at Ohio State will focus on providing value-added manufacturing consulting services to the identified SMMEs in our region. The initiative will also create and maintain a network of regional support partners to assist these companies in the execution of their growth plans.

MEP NETWORK SUPPORT PARTNERS

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Bank of America Merrill Lynch is the corporate and investment banking group of Bank of America. They specialize in mergers, acquisitions, equity and debt capital markets, lending, trading, risk management, research, and liquidity and payments management.

Fifth Third Bank

Fifth Third Bank has divisions that cater to the financial health of small and commercial businesses. They specialize in growing, planning, and protecting businesses.

Key Bank

KeyBank is an American regional bank headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. They are ranked in the top 10 for financial institutions in the U.S. who conduct 7a lending for small businesses (SBA, 2017). They have a staff of senior bankers and industry experts to assist in the growth and financial health of small businesses.

Telhio Credit Union

Telhio Credit Union is a financial cooperative headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Telhio is registered as a state-chartered type credit union and is one of the largest credit unions in Central Ohio. They offer business loans, deposit products, credit cards, and merchant services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth

The Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth is a non-profit organization that offers several initiatives designed to generate jobs and promote the region’s economy. They are a network partner of JobsOhio and are the conduit fostering economic development in 25 Ohio counties located in the Appalachian region.

Belmont County Port Authority

The Belmont County Port Authority develops programs that stimulate and grow the economy in the Belmont County area by supporting the
investment of business, transportation, community development projects, industry, and distribution.

**Buckeye Hills Regional Council**
Buckeye Hills supports communities in identifying pressing needs and securing grant and loan dollars in order to improve infrastructure and quality of life for those who live and work in Southeast Ohio.

**Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce**
The Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce is focused on fostering economic and community development for businesses in Ross County.

**Columbus 2020**
Companies in the 11-county Central Ohio region can depend on Columbus 2020 for anything related to business development, including sources of funding, workforce training, marketing research, and expanding business to new markets.

**Dublin Entrepreneurship Center**
Located in Dublin, DEC is a hub for both entrepreneurs and tech-minded professionals who share this business space. Start-up ventures have been born out of DEC, which focuses on increasing business and the generation of jobs in Dublin.

**Endeavor Center**
The Ohio State University Endeavor Center is a business incubator that provides lease space, management guidance, networking, and shared services to local entrepreneurs in south central Ohio.

**Guernsey County Community Improvement Corporation**
The Guernsey County Community Improvement Corporation is focused on offering the County of Guernsey, City of Cambridge, and Village of Byesville the necessary resources to forge a stronger economy.

**MAGNET**
MAGNET is the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network focused on helping manufacturers develop and compete in Northeast Ohio as part of the MEP program.

**Marysville Entrepreneurial Center**
The Marysville Entrepreneurial Center (MEC) began in 2008 to support economic development in Union County. They help small businesses and startups with business plans, marketing, and business strategies.

**New Albany Economic Development**
New Albany, Ohio flourishes with innovators, entrepreneurs and manufacturing. This ecosystem compliments and supports growing businesses through collaboration and partnerships to promote commerce.

**Ohio Cooperative Development Center**
The Ohio Cooperative Development Center assists new and up-and-coming cooperatives in rural Ohio with economic development efforts.

**Ohio Economic Development Association**
The Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA) is the professional association for economic developers. They have over 600 members representing every county in Ohio.

**Ohio Federal Research Network**
The Ohio Federal Research Network seeks to support the capabilities of Ohio’s top public and private research universities, industry, and its federal labs in order to revitalize the state’s economy.

**Ohio Manufacturers’ Association**
OMA is an organization designed to protect the competitive rights of Ohio manufacturers against government regulation.

**Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission**
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission arranges federal, state and local assets to support development in twelve counties in Southern Ohio.

**Rev1Ventures**
Rev1Ventures is a venture development organization: part VC, part accelerator – with the expertise and connections to fuel startup success. They provide this unique blend of services, connections, and funding to help entrepreneurs increase their probability of success.

**Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation**
The Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation (SOACDF) is an organization specializing in agricultural and
economic support to southern Ohio’s tobacco-producing counties.

Southeastern Ohio Port Authority
The mission of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SOPA), located in Washington County, is to drive economic competitiveness of the county. They facilitate job creation and encourage investments by business, industry and entrepreneurs to support the local ecosystem.

Union County Community Improvement Corporation
The Union County CIC focuses on business growth and development in Union County and The Village of Richwood. They foster an innovative, connected economy where manufacturing, research, and agriculture reside.

U.S. Commerce Service
The U.S. Commerce Service is responsible for providing assistance to companies by developing and planning strategies that help them grow sales and compete in today’s global market.

Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority
The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority is focused on promoting the economic development of Zanesville and Muskingum-county businesses by providing their property database, access to transportation, and workforce development training.

EDUCATION PARTNERS

Belmont College
Belmont College has been helping local residents of the Ohio Valley and beyond obtain their educational and career goals for over 40 years. Belmont College offers programs ranging from business, art, and engineering technology.

Columbus State Community College
Columbus State offers two-year degrees in career or technical fields, Associates of Arts or Science degrees, and training and continuing education courses. You can find them in Columbus, Delaware, and six satellite locations. Students can participate in over 50 programs online.

Marion Technical College
Marion Technical College offers over 50 associate degrees and certificate curriculum for business, IT, healthcare, engineering, arts and sciences, and public service.

University of Rio Grande & Rio Grande Community College
The University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College offer a wide range of majors and promote innovation, and technology in the Southeastern region of Ohio.

Zane State College
Zane State has campuses in Zanesville and Cambridge in addition to offering online programs. They offer two-year and one-year degrees, as well as one-year and under one year certificate programs in manufacturing, engineering technology, operations, and business.

LAW FIRMS

Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aranoff LLP
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aranoff provide legal services to business clients residing in public and private, middle market, and emerging companies. They also specialize in private equity funds, entrepreneurs, not-for-profit organizations, trusts and estates.

Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP
Calfee, Halter & Griswold specialize in corporate law. Their focus areas include business services, business transactions, government relations, intellectual property, and commercial litigation.

Dickinson Wright
Dickinson Wright offers legal services in the areas of banking and financial services, corporate, government relations, real estate, commercial and business litigation, cybersecurity, energy, mergers and acquisitions, and tax.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABM
ABM Industries is a full-service facility solutions provider focused on improving customer satisfaction, minimizing operating costs, and increasing energy efficiency.

ACI Services
ACI Services supplies customers in a global market with engineered compressor products and a wide range of services including thermodynamic performance evaluations and acoustic research.

Alber Enterprise Center
Alber Enterprise Center helps clients tap into the resources of The Ohio State University and beyond to map a comprehensive action plan for maximum returns on investment.

AweSim
AweSim’s expertise is to automate the traditional prototyping process and implementing economical and scalable modeling and simulation on high-performance computing.

Autotool Inc
Autotool Inc is a supplier of total automation systems. They build custom automated weld cells that are used in the automotive industry. In addition,
they work with Original Equipment Manufacturers and tier one suppliers.

**Bi-Con Services**
Bi-Con Services provides support to energy and manufacturing companies across the globe to help them compete in the international marketplace.

**ClearView Management Resources**
ClearView Management offers extensive and thorough talent solutions that identify and leverage talent to improve productivity, engagement, and profits.

**Cooper Standard**
Cooper Standard is an international supplier of a wide range of parts for the automotive industry ranging in rubber and plastic sealing, fuel and brake lines, fluid transfer hoses, and anti-vibrating systems. One of their many worldwide locations is in Bowling Green.

**East Balt Bakery**
East Balt Bakeries has been supplying the food service industry with high quality sandwich buns and rolls since 1955 and has a high-speed baking facility in Zanesville.

**Edison Welding Institute (EWI)**
EWI creates, assess, and implements premium manufacturing solutions, especially relating to materials and welding.

**Elite Manufacturing Industries**
Elite Manufacturing Industries provides supply chain management services for the automotive, energy, medical, commercial, industrial, and defense markets.

**Famous Supply**
Famous Supply is a wholesale distributor of HVAC supplies, plumbing products, building supplies, and Industrial parts. They also offer training, certifications, and special events to educate the HVAC, plumbing, industrial/PVF, and building products industries. They have 20 warehouses and distribution centers throughout Ohio. Customer support is located in Akron.

**Gulfport Energy**
Gulfport Energy an oil and natural gas producer focused on exploring and advancing the efficiency of these unrenewable resources. The company is independent with primary producing locations in the Utica Shale of Eastern Ohio and the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

**Heating & Cooling Products**
Heating & Cooling Products is an Ohio-based manufacturer and distributor of sheet metal products, including pipe, elbows, boots, rectangular duct, duct fittings, wall stack, oval, black stove pipe and fittings, spiral pipe, spiral PVC pipe and fittings for the light commercial HVAC market.

**Honda North America, Inc**
The American Honda Motor Company, Inc. is a North American subsidiary of the Honda Motor Company, Ltd. They create intelligent technologies serving the automotive, power equipment, aircraft, engines, and marine industries.

**IC3D Printers**
The staff of engineers and industrial designers at IC3D provides 3D printing production services, supplies required for 3D printing, and technical consulting for product development, prototyping, and manufacturing.

**JumpStart, Inc.**
JumpStart’s team of entrepreneurs and executives from Northeast Ohio mentor up-and-coming entrepreneurs to best maneuver through today’s business environment.

**Kraton**
Kraton is a leading creator, manufacturer, and marketer in biobased chemicals and specialty polymers that provide outstanding value to the lives of people worldwide. They have a manufacturing and innovation center in Belpre as well as a facility in Dover that manufacturers.

**Launch Labs LLC**
Launch Labs is a collection of engineers, designers, and strategists whose expertise is used to develop and launch new products and brands for their clients.

**Ludowici Roof Tile**
Ludowici Roof Tile manufactures architectural terra cotta tiles used in roofing, flooring, walls, roof accessories, and solar shades. All of their products boast an impressive 75-year warranty. They source their materials locally and manufacture at their New Lexington location.

**McWane Ductile**
McWane Ductile manufactures ductile iron products found in water distribution and infrastructure systems, like plumbing and clean water systems. They manufacture a variety of joint and ductile iron pipes and are located in Coshocton.
The Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program is funded in part by the U. S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Ohio Development Services Agency and local partners, including the Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence. Ohio MEP is driving productivity, innovation and global competitiveness for Ohio manufacturers with a focus on small and medium sized enterprises. The MEP program at The Ohio State University operates with the support network of partnerships whose efforts promote a strong manufacturing ecosystem rooted in Ohio.

**CONTACT**

**Manufacturing Extension Partnership at CDME**
1314 Kinnear Road, Suite 1533, Columbus OH, 43212
614.292.6888    cdme@osu.edu  
[ MEP.osu.edu ]

**Eric Wagner**, Program Manager  
[ Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program ]
wagner.293@osu.edu • 614-292-3604

**Mick Whitt**, Manufacturing Business Dev. Specialist  
Ohio State South Centers  
whitt.124@osu.edu • 740-289-2071  
[ southcenters.osu.edu ]

**Dorinda Byers**, Growth Advisor  
byers.18@osu.edu • 740.680.0612