**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
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 Mid-eastern Governments Association
OMEGA provides opportunities for economic and community success through networking, education, planning, research, and distribution of resources by connecting state, federal, and local entities.

Ohio State South Centers
The Ohio State University South Centers, based in Piketon, OH, specializes in scientific research and educational programs for businesses in southern Ohio. They provide assistance in decision making through responsive research, education, entrepreneurial application, and collaborative partnerships.

Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission arranges for federal, state and local development support to 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**

**180Skills**
The 180 Skills online manufacturing Skills Training System includes over 700+ skills courses, a learning management system, and content organization tools that enable employers to deliver job-aligned skills training to everyone from job-seekers and new hires to skilled incumbent employees.

**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, assesses, 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 is 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 bio-based 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.

**Miba Bearings**
Miba Bearings is a manufacturer of high-quality engine bearings that allow engines to perform at max efficiency and in an environmentally conscious way even under extreme conditions. Miba Bearings is the largest employer in southeastern Ohio’s McConnelsville.

**Miba Sinter**
Miba Sinter is a major supplier of sintered components, engine bearings, friction materials, coatings, power electronics components, and special machinery used in the global engine and automotive industries.

**Nissen Chemitec**
Located in London, Ohio, Nissen Chemitec manufactures plastic injection molded components using their machines that boast a 700 to 2600 ton capacity. Their products are used in the automotive industry.

**ProFusion Industries**
ProFusion Industries is a leading provider of transit step treads and transit flooring, custom specialty film products, and protective linings.

**SCORE**
SCORE counselors are experienced business owners and managers who volunteer their experience and knowledge to help potential and existing small business owners achieve success.

**SunDown RunDown Group**
SunDown RunDown Group provides a platform where entrepreneurs connect, act, and expand upon their business interests. Regular pitch events are hosted throughout the state by a number of chapters whose purpose is to drive entrepreneurship through making connections and mentoring. Educational programs for entrepreneurs are added daily and often offered at no charge. Finding funding sources and coworking space are also functions of SunDown RunDown Group.

**Taivara**
Taivara is comprised of a team of entrepreneurs, strategists, and technologists who focus on innovation, software design and development, and product strategy and commercialization.

**ThermoFisher Scientific**
ThermoFisher Scientific is known for their expertise in science. They aid their customers by escalating research in the life sciences and finding solutions to analytical challenges. In addition, ThermoFisher Scientific improves patient diagnostics through the delivery of medicines to market and increased laboratory productivity.

**Vesna Ventures**
Vesna Ventures is a startup studio in Ohio that takes research and development and turns it into successful companies.

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