NCMEP and its Partners

Launched in 1955, IES first began operating under the NC State University College of Engineering and was the first industrial extension program in the country. In 1995, the North Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NCMEP) was established as a component of Industry Expansion Solutions.

NCMEP is now administered by Industry Expansion Solutions and is joined by partners from the North Carolina Community College System; NCWorks Customized Training; the Economic Development Partnership of NC; the Polymers Center of Excellence; the Manufacturing Solutions Center; and North Carolina A&T State University.

A Public-Private Operating Alliance

NCMEP is a public-private operating alliance of state supported programs that work together to enhance the performance of the state’s small- to medium-sized manufacturers. Its combined resources and collaboration efforts lead to greater economic growth and job creation in manufacturing.

Participating NCMEP partners leverage public funds and private investments to provide technology-based resources and expertise to improve, promote and connect industry through experts and tools in workplace safety, process optimization, business growth, innovation, sustainability, energy, quality systems and workforce training and development.

Drawing on a 20-Year History

Drawing on almost 20 years of operation and a portfolio of programs and partnerships that comprise NCMEP, we are positioned to maximize impact in helping manufacturers across NC improve productivity, profits and their bottom line.

2017 NCMEP Services Led to:

- 2,146 jobs created
- 2,894 jobs retained
- A combined increase in sales revenue of $104,500,000 for a $10,000,000 increase YOY
- A generated cost savings value of $174,300,000 or on average $575,000 per manufacturer served
- A $933,498,768 economic impact