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Title: Ohio MEP Emergency Assistance Program

DOC Bureau Disbursing Funds: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Grant Number: 70NANB20H035_0

Recipient: Ohio Development Services Agency

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City/County/State: Columbus_Franklin - Ohio

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Total Grant: \$2,300,000

Description:

To fund the Ohio Development Services Agency under the NIST MEP CARES Act Emergency Program for the amount of \$2,300,000

NIST MEP National Emergency Assistance Program (NEAP)

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act (P.L. 116- 136). According to Title VI (Miscellaneous Provisions), Division B (Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations), NIST MEP received \$50 million dollars to assist manufacturers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. On April 10, NIST MEP announced on grants.gov a Request for Applications (RFA) from MEP Centers receiving current cooperative agreement funding from NIST,

2020-NIST-MEP-NEAP-01. MEP Centers can apply for these funds on a non-competitive basis. Such assistance will provide Centers the ability to provide services that directly support manufacturers' abilities to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic through, for example, accelerated production of Personal Protective Equipment, and services that support manufacturers' ability to improve their competitiveness as the marketplace adapts to the coronavirus disruption.

Ohio MEP, under the Ohio Development Services Agency will support Ohio-based US small- and medium sized manufacturers (SMMs), including rural manufacturers, in the prevention, preparation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds will be used to provide services that directly support manufacturers' ability to adjust and respond to current manufacturing needs, for example, the accelerated production of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as services that support manufacturers' ability to improve their competitiveness as the marketplace adapts to the coronavirus disruption. Ohio MEP will provide services including:

- Assessing SMMs with no-cost assessments to identify challenges
- Serve as a conduit to connect manufacturers to state and local resources necessary to sustain operations;
- Serve as trusted advisors to manufacturers to aid them in understanding and accessing federal resources, such as those included in the CARES Act;
- Expand internal and third-party resources to provide remote training and consulting services;
- Offer no-cost cybersecurity evaluations to manufacturers with a focus on the defense, food and health care supply chains;
- Partner with Workforce Development Boards to deliver layoff aversion services;
- Reach out to the 2,000 active clients engaged in the PPE production for the Ohio Manufacturing Alliance, an additional 14 percent;
- Ohio MEP will continue to conduct supplier scouting and matching activities with its clients as necessary and will engage in multi-Center engagements should the need arise

The project is recommended for funding for federal amount \$2,300,000 with a period of performance 5/15/2020-9/30/2021.

For additional information about the NIST MEP program, please visit <https://www.nist.gov/mep>