

Support the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) in FY24!

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Support Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Funding in FY2024

This is a programmatic appropriations request

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Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join our letter to Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Subcommittee Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright urging them to provide at least \$275 million in funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program in the FY24 CJS Appropriations bill.

The MEP program is a federal public-private partnership that provides small- and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) technology-based services they need to thrive in today's economy and create well-paying manufacturing jobs. MEP is managed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and implemented through a network of industry-led centers located in every state. MEP centers are not-for-profit corporations that employ industry experts who work directly with manufacturers. Manufacturing is one of our country's greatest economic strengths, producing 12 percent of GDP. Over 99 percent of manufacturing firms in America are considered small, with less than 500 employees.

As a public-private partnership, MEP delivers a high return on investment to taxpayers. The Upjohn Institute for Employment Research conducted a study of MEP in 2020 and found that the program generates a 13.6:1 return on investment. According to an annual survey conducted by an independent firm in 2022, MEP clients reported \$18.8 billion new and retained sales and the creation or retention of 116,767 jobs. Considering that the average U.S. manufacturing worker earns more than \$95,990 in wages and benefits per year, MEP clients are economic drivers in their communities. MEP clients are also increasing their capacity for the production of goods. MEP clients reported \$6.4 billion in new investments directly attributed to their work with MEP.

If you would like to join this appropriations request, please sign on via [Quill](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Ryan Early](#) with Rep. McGovern or [Anna McCleaf](#) with Rep. Kelly.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Mike Kelly
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

As you work to develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies appropriations bill, we write to ask for your continued support and increased funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program to \$275 million. The MEP program is the only nationwide network of public-private partnerships that provide technology-based services to small- and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs), which they use to create good-paying manufacturing jobs. The MEP centers enable manufacturers to compete globally by providing access to critical information, training, and technologies that improve efficiency, productivity, and profitability.

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The MEP program’s well-documented impact is substantial. Since 1988, MEP clients reported 1,570,257 jobs created and retained. Each of these jobs creates 4.4 full-time additional jobs, totaling more than 7 million additional jobs in local communities. The total job impact of the MEP Program generates significant local, state and federal tax revenues.

An increase in funding will allow the program to increase the number of manufacturers receiving MEP services through the expanded authorization in the recently enacted CHIPS and Science Act. Specifically, MEP will provide additional services to more companies within critical supply chains, such as automotive, aerospace, and priority defense sectors that support the growth and technological advancement of our military; develop and deploy new services in key areas such as cyber security, 3-D printing, Industry 4.0, flexible materials, broadband technology, and supply-chain optimization; and re-double efforts to assist US manufacturers with re-shoring, manufacturing repatriation, and creating domestic supply-chains.

The MEP continues to be a cost-effective, job-creating investment that boosts American manufacturing and competitiveness. We respectfully request that you provide \$275 million in funding for the MEP center network in Fiscal Year 2024.

Sincerely,

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