



MFG Day is manufacturing's biggest annual opportunity to inspire the next generation to start careers in modern manufacturing through a series of focused events to promote manufacturing to students, parents and educators. This year, the official date for MFG Day is October 7, but any day can be MFG Day.

What are you doing to celebrate? Click on the button below to visit the MFG Day website for ideas and resources. Also, make sure to register your event. Let's show everyone what North Dakota manufacturers have to offer!

Impact Dakota has limited funds available to organizations to assist with Manufacturing Day activities in North Dakota. Organizations may apply for funds up to \$1,500. The funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here for the application.](#)

[Visit the MFG Day Website](#)

Upcoming EVENTS

North Dakota Defense Sector Update

**A Defense Alliance Free Webinar
September 12, 2022 • 11:30 - 12:30 (CDT)**

Join the University of North Dakota Center for Innovation (UND-CFI), Defense Alliance and other partners for a one-hour informational update on the State's defense industry sector.

UND-CFI recently completed its state-wide supply chain study thanks to a two-year grant from the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). The activity has led to significant outcomes, including: an analysis of the North Dakota defense industry that has fostered a more engaged and collaborative ecosystem; the creation of an online industry supply chain portal; and a final report to DoD that includes recommendations to enhance the state's role in the Nation's defense while contributing to economic development.

This webinar will provide a summary of the final report, demonstrate the online supply chain portal, and summarize the North Dakota defense community's anticipated actions moving forward. Registrants will be provided a copy of the report and access to the portal prior to the event to maximize time and learning.

[Click here to register for the Defense Sector Update Webinar](#)



Have you thought of the government market sector? Are you considering government as a business opportunity?

For 37 years, Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC) have helped expand the number of businesses that successfully compete for and win federal, state, and local government contracts. Join the North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota PTAC teams, on September 21 at 9 am CDT, as they outline what a business needs to have in place before contracting, explore why you may consider the government market sector and what it takes to be successful in this market.

[Click Here to Register for PTAC Day](#)

— INTERNAL AUDITOR TRAINING —

AS9100 Internal Auditor Training
October 18-19 • Fargo

This two-day training will focus on the AS9100D Quality Management System.

AS9100 fully incorporates the entirety of the current version of the ISO9001; while adding requirements relating to quality and safety in the aviation, space, and defense industry. Major aviation, space and defense manufacturers and suppliers worldwide require compliance and/or registration to AS9100 as a condition of doing business with them.

This training is for personnel involved in conducting or supporting internal audits. Your company doesn't need to be AS9100 registered to benefit from this training/ your trained employees can audit your current quality systems as a method to continuously improve.

Click on the button below for complete information.

ISO9001 Internal Auditor Training
October 18-19 • Fargo

This 1-1/2 day training will focus on the ISO9001:2015 Quality Management System.

ISO9001 is Quality Management System that many businesses use as the foundation upon which they add their unique industry requirements. Many firms are already ISO Certified, and many more are becoming certified as their customers require it or they are trying to attract new business.

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[AS9100 Info & Registration](#)

[ISO9001 Info & Registration](#)

Business Excellence Optimization Assessment

What is Business Excellence Optimization? Why is it Important?

Imagine your business as a vehicle. Your vehicle is purposely built to reach a destination carrying goods and services. The business leader is the driver who must have a destination of where they are driving the vehicle, that destination is the strategy. The managers are the mechanics. The passengers are the employees. Everyone has a role for the organization to get to its destination (strategy). Your vehicle's engine is a straight six-cylinder engine. Each cylinder must be timed perfectly, or your engine won't run efficiently. Each cylinder represents different business needs (listed above).

Our **free Business Excellence Optimization Assessment** helps check when your engine needs to be tuned and can diagnose the engine's issues and opportunities against the Straight6 cylinders.

Please contact [Gordon](#) if you have any questions, or if you would like to take action on the Business Excellence Optimization offering.

PEOPLE + PROCESSES in alignment with Organizational Strategy = RESULTS

[Learn More!](#)

Manufacturing Myths – Debunked!

- THE TRUTHS ABOUT THE INDUSTRY TODAY -

Myth #4
Manufacturing is harmful to the environment.

Truth
In manufacturing, sustainability = profitability.

[Click for Supporting Details](#)

MANUFACTURING in Lehman's Terms



Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit

Economic development activity is still strong in North Dakota and many of the projects are very large relative to past years. The size of the proposed new ag processing plants, value added energy, and data operations eclipse what we have seen in the previous years. With project investment running in the hundreds of millions of dollars, the financing needs are much more complex than what we may see with basic manufacturing startups running in the couple million-dollar range. For this reason, I covered the Angel Investor Investment Credit last month and I would like to cover the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit this month. These two programs can be crucial in bringing some of these investment dollars onboard.

[Click here to read Lehman's Terms](#)

How Smaller Manufacturers Can Develop Risk Management Strategies for Their Supply Chains

The COVID-19 pandemic brought to light a stark reality about current supply chains. In their recent MEP National Network™/Modern Machine Shop webinar "How Smaller Manufacturers Can Develop Risk Management Strategies for Their Supply Chains," Gary Steinberg of California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC, the California MEP Center) and Chris Scafario from the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (DVIRC, part of the Pennsylvania MEP) shared strategies for identifying and mitigating supply chain risks, especially aimed at small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs).

[Building a Resilient Supply Chain](#)

Supply Chain Scouting System

Impact Dakota is partnering with NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP) and our nationwide network of 50 other MEP Centers across the U.S. and Puerto Rico to help solve supply chain gaps encountered by manufacturers, government entities, and critical service providers.

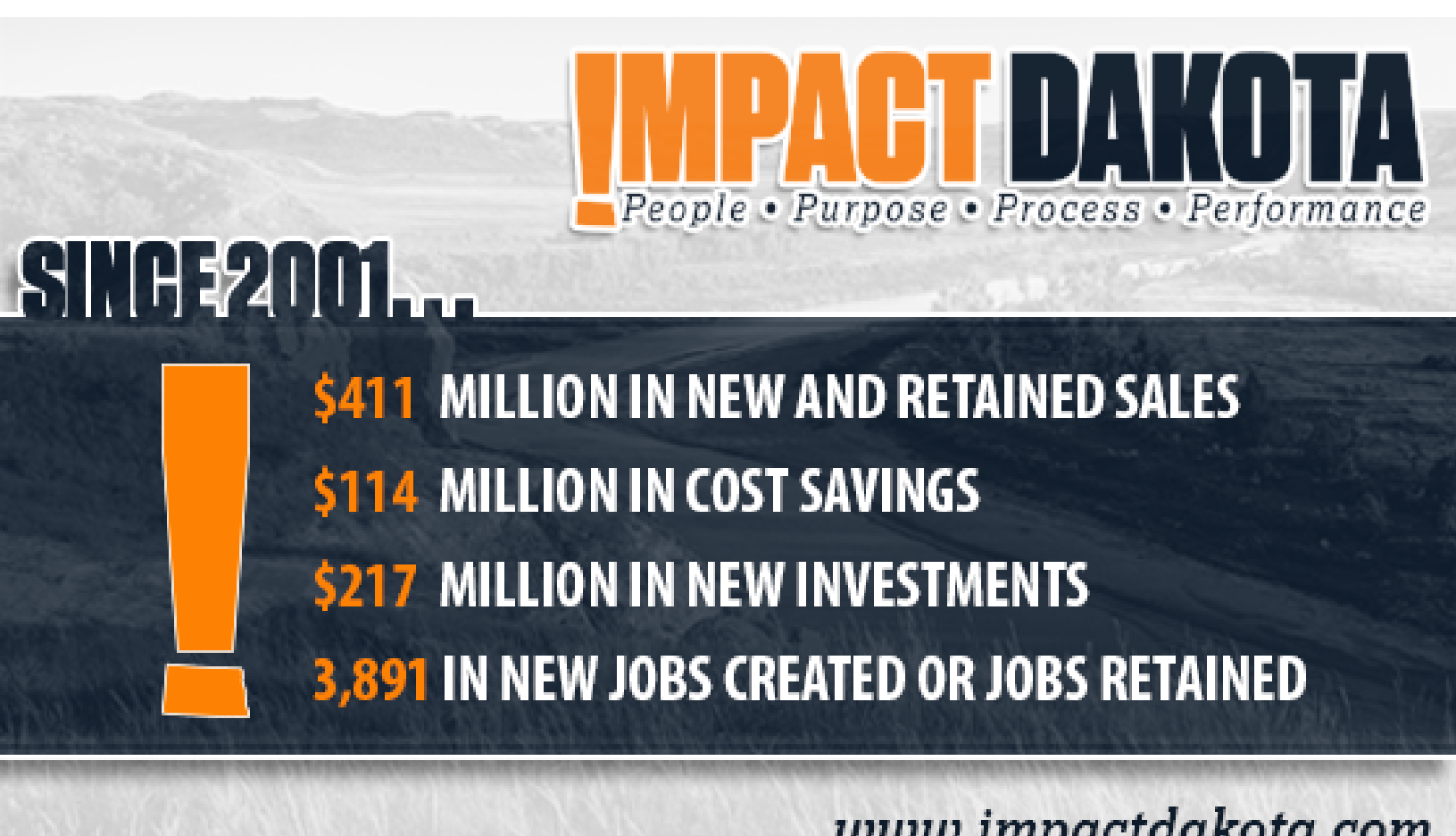
DO YOU HAVE A GAP? ARE YOU ABLE TO FILL A GAP?

Open Opportunities:

- Apple Juice Concentrate 70 brix
- Cranberry Juice Concentrate 50 brix
- Pineapple Juice NFC 12-15 brix
- 16oz Brite cans for canning beverages
- 202 LOE-BALL
- Pak-Techs
- 12oz Brite ball cans for canning
- 5x2 machine film
- Stretch Wrap
- S-1241 Strapping
- Corner Boards for Palletization
- Printed Fleece Blankets
- Printed Boxer Briefs
- Solar Charger
- Seat Belts

- Sewn Canvas Covers
- Solar Panels
- 24VDC Motor

[Current Opportunities Details](#)



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