



## Jodie Mjoen has been named CEO/President of Impact Dakota

Mjoen will play a leading role in developing strategy for modernizing North Dakota's manufacturing base and coordinating the interface of technology and growth strategies with the needs of small manufacturers.

Mjoen brings more than twenty-five years of experience across a variety of manufacturing industries including high technology, industrial & military products and service-based business.

He is certified six sigma black belt, lean manufacturing practitioner and quality management system auditor.

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## upcoming EVENTS

### 10th Annual ND Government Procurement Fair March 30, 2022 • Virtual

Federal, state, and local governments spend millions of dollars every year to purchase products and services from small businesses in North Dakota. Many businesses and entrepreneurs aren't taking advantage of this potential market which is constantly on the lookout for almost everything from food and clothing to construction services. The North Dakota Government Procurement Fair is the best chance of the year in our state to learn everything there is to know about government contracting.

[Procurement Fair Info & Registration](#)

### South America Trade Mission May 15-20, 2022

The 2022 Trade Americas, South America Trade Mission and Business Conference program offers U.S. companies the opportunity to explore eleven markets in South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, and Uruguay.

[South America Trade Mission Information](#)

### New Study Reveals the Top 3 Small-Business Cyber Threats You've Probably Never Heard of

A study released from the San Diego-based CyberCatch, a cybersecurity platform provider focusing on small and mid-size businesses, reveals that more than 30 percent of U.S. small businesses have weak points that bad actors can exploit. Moreover, fraudsters tend to set their sights on small businesses since smaller companies usually have weaker security safeguards in place compared with those at larger companies.

[Spoofing, Clickjacking, Sniffing...oh my!](#)

### 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?*

Please click on the button below to learn more about the system, or [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CURRENT LIST OF NEEDS!](#)

[Learn About Supplier Scouting](#)

### How Healthy Is Your Organization?

Companies are challenged with continuously reducing cost, increasing flexibility, and decreasing lead times while still providing their customers with high-quality products. In an effort to help North Dakota's manufacturers, Impact Dakota is expanding its on-site, no-cost assessment of your manufacturing business to identify and discuss opportunities that can help with improved productivity of your resources. The approach to this assessment is based on principles of LEAN manufacturing which focuses on reduction of wastes helping companies achieve higher levels of productivity in their production and operations.

[Manufacturing Health Assistance](#)

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