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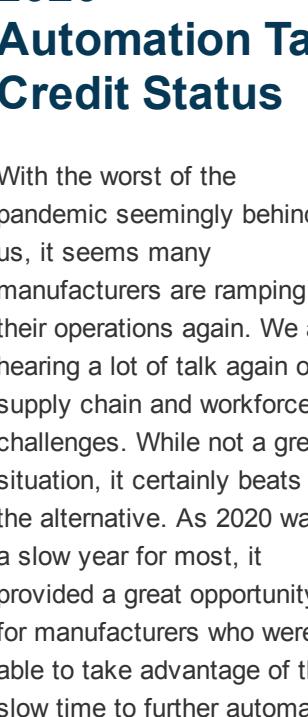
Supply Chain Scouting System

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!](#)

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Incentives 101: 2020 Automation Tax Credit Status

With the worst of the pandemic seemingly behind us, it seems many manufacturers are ramping up their operations again. We are hearing a lot of talk again of supply chain and workforce challenges. While not a great situation, it certainly beats the alternative. As 2020 was a slow year for most, it provided a great opportunity for manufacturers who were able to take advantage of the slow time to further automate their operations. Some of those manufacturers that did, tapped into the Automation Tax Credit program to help lessen their tax burden.

[Status](#)

VIRTUAL TRAINING—Beginning April 7th Lean Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing Training

The next session of Lean Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing (LEHPM) Training is scheduled to begin **April 7th**. Impact Dakota is now taking commitments.

The Impact Dakota LEHPM training provides your key staff with a working knowledge of the principles and best practices of Lean. It is the only nationally-recognized Lean Certification program; using standards developed and judged by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME).

If you have questions, please contact:
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*On-site training is also available.

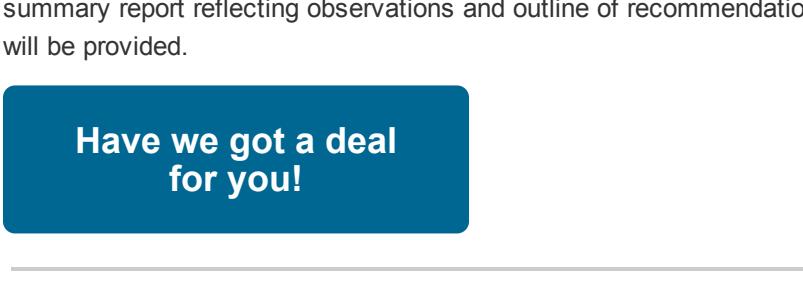
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America Works - An Innovative Approach to Workforce Development

This blog is the first in a monthly series brought to you by the new America Works initiative. As a part of the MEP National Network's goal of supporting the growth of small and medium-sized manufacturing companies, this series focuses on innovative approaches to workforce development.

[America Works](#)



Detecting Abnormal Cyber Behavior Before a Cyberattack

Connecting sensors and devices to our industrial control systems (ICS), and the increase in remote work and monitoring, results in manufacturing networks with greater vulnerabilities to cyberattack. This is an increasingly challenging dynamic as manufacturers sort out how to adopt commercial information technology (IT) standards that are compatible with their operational technology (OT) standards.

[Cybersecurity Awareness](#)

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. As part of this assessment, in a very friendly but purposeful way, the Impact Dakota staff walk the shop floor to observe, evaluate, and discuss your production and supporting operations. Following the on-site visit a brief summary report reflecting observations and outline of recommendations will be provided.

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