



# Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP)

## About IMCP

The Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) program is an initiative designed to revolutionize the way federal agencies leverage economic development funds. It encourages communities to develop comprehensive economic development strategies that will strengthen their competitive edge for attracting global manufacturer and supply chain investments. Through IMCP, the federal government is rewarding best practices – coordinating federal aid to support communities' strong development plans and synchronizing grant programs across multiple departments and agencies. Non-designated communities nationwide can learn from the best practices employed by these designated communities to strengthen American manufacturing.

IMCP was established to incentivize and facilitate collaboration among private and public-sector stakeholders in U.S. manufacturing communities, in order to support:

- Growth in the U.S. manufacturing sector
- Creation of new manufacturing jobs
- Regional economic growth
- Increased federal support for regional economic and workforce development objectives.

## IMCP Communities

Between 2014 and 2015, IMCP designations have been awarded to 24 locally organized, public-private consortia that successfully demonstrated best practices in advancing innovative regional manufacturing economies.

In order to qualify for an initial designation, applicants were required to demonstrate the strength of an existing manufacturing industry in their region/community and to describe their proposed strategies to target investments and achieve measurable progress in the following six areas:

- Workforce and training;
- Research and innovation;
- Infrastructure and site development;
- Supply chain support;
- Trade and international investment; and
- Operational improvement and capital access.

To date, 24 communities have been granted IMCP designations by the US Department of Commerce. While each Manufacturing Community created implementation plans for their unique local conditions and industrial sectors that range from advanced materials to medical devices and food processing, they share a common strategic focus on direct, ongoing collaboration with key local and regional stakeholders, attraction of private investment, and the design and implementation of long-term strategic planning that integrates public and private resources to create broad-based prosperity.

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