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Embedding MEP in NNMI Institutes FFO

NIST invites proposals from current Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership ([MEP Centers](#)) to pilot test approaches to provide needed technology acceleration assistance to small and mid-sized U.S. manufacturers through the establishment of meaningful and results oriented collaborations between the nationwide system of MEP Centers and the Institutes participating in the [National Network for Manufacturing Innovation](#) (NNMI). These Pilots will embed personnel from MEP Centers in residence at NNMI Institutes, targeting the cultivation of enduring collaborations among small U.S. manufacturers, NNMI Institutes, and MEP Centers for the benefit of all these entities NIST anticipates funding approximately seven Pilot Project awards at a level of approximately \$300,000 - \$600,000 per year for each award. The Pilot Projects awarded under this Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) will have a budget and performance period of up to two years. Electronic applications in response to this FFO must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, June 17, 2016. The complete FFO Announcement is available online [here](#).

MEP Advisory Board to Meet

NIST announces that the [Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership \(MEP\) Advisory Board](#) will hold an open meeting on Thursday May 19, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting will be held at the Charleston Marriott Hotel, 170 Lockwood Blvd. Charleston, SC 29403. The Advisory Board provides a forum for input and guidance from MEP program stakeholders in the formulation and implementation of tools and services focused on supporting and growing the U.S. manufacturing industry, provides advice on MEP programs, plans, and policies, assesses the soundness of MEP plans and strategies, and assesses current performance against MEP program plans. The Federal Register Notice providing full details of this public meeting is accessible [here](#).

NIST Cybersecurity Framework April 2016 Workshop Webcast

On April 6-7, 2016, NIST held a workshop for stakeholders using the voluntary framework for reducing cyber risks to critical infrastructure [Version 1.0 of the Cybersecurity Framework](#). In addition to highlighting a variety of Framework use and work products, this workshop gathered input to help NIST understand stakeholder awareness and current use of the Framework, the need for an update to the Framework, cybersecurity best practices sharing, as well as the future governance of the Framework. The Workshop was webcast and an archived version is accessible [online](#).

NIST Releases 2015 Department of Commerce Technology Transfer Report

NIST has released the Department of Commerce's (DOC) [2015 Technology Transfer Report](#). The annual report provides comprehensive statistics on the technology transfer activities of the three Department of Commerce (DOC) laboratories: NIST, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). In Fiscal Year 2015, DOC filed 61 invention disclosures and 30 patent applications and was issued 20 patents. Of the 44 active patent licenses, 31 generated a total \$164,456 in income. DOC staff engaged in 364 traditional collaborative research and development agreements (CRADAs) and published 3,205 scientific and technical papers in peer-reviewed journals.

The report can be found on the NIST [Technology Partnerships Office website](#), along with information on licensing technologies and how to work with NIST.



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