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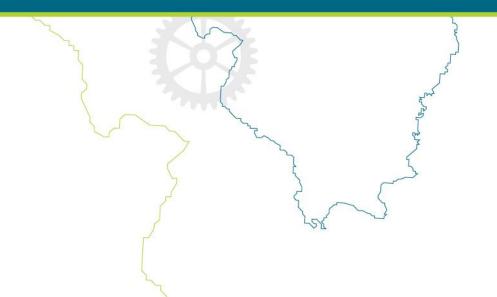
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Who We Are:
Public-Private Partnership

Four Illinois Universities:

- *Bradley University*
- *Northern Illinois University*
- *Southern Illinois University*
- *University of Illinois at Chicago*

Key partnerships:

- *City of Chicago – ordinance for formal work plan*
- *State Commerce – coordinated outreach*
- *Others – associations, economic development*

45 full-time staff: field staff average over 18 years of manufacturing experience

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What We Do:
Catalysts for Transforming Manufacturing

Workforce Development

Recruiting, preparing and growing the talent base.

- Leadership Development
- Supervisor Effectiveness (TWI)
- Organization Change

Top Line

Achieving profitable growth by differentiating products and services, pursuing customers in non-traditional markets, and deploying advanced technology and business processes.

- Sales/Marketing/Diversification
- Product Innovation & Technology
- Market Insights
- Exporting

Continuous Improvement

Driving an integrated approach to eliminate non-value added processes, contain operating costs, and deliver impeccable product quality, with zero defects.

- Lean Enterprise
- Quality Management
- Six Sigma
- Safety and Health

Green Manufacturing

Reducing the environmental footprint while improving operational performance.

- Energy Management, including ISO 50001
- E3: Economy, Energy, Environment
- Waste Reduction

Supply Chain

Guiding supply chain strategy through a focus on the total cost of ownership, reduced risks and constraints, and overall global integration.

- Top Tier Engagement
- Supplier Engagement
- Risk Management
- Total Cost of Ownership

Strategy

Envisioning the future of your company and delineating the steps to get there.

- Strategic Planning
- Business Transition

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Impacts Matter

How we evaluate results… Third-party survey

2013 Impact for IMEC Clients:

471 companies assisted

$297,000 new and retained sales per project

$176,000 investment spending per project

1,955 jobs retained and created

$199,000,000 aggregate impact

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