

Making an Impact on U.S. Manufacturing

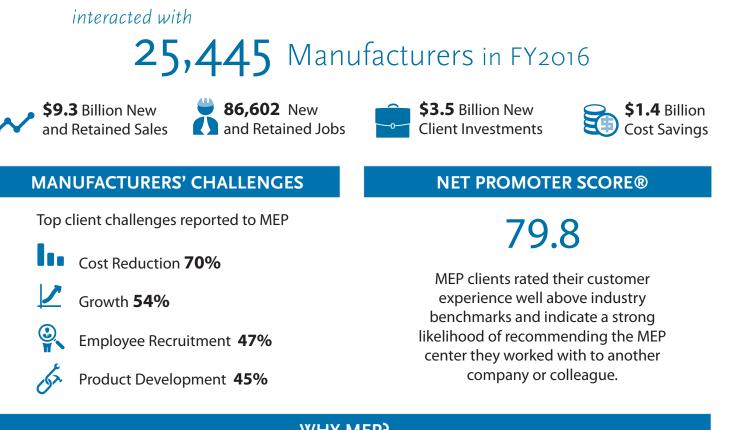
About MEP

Since 1988, the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) has worked to strengthen U.S. manufacturing. MEP is part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a U.S. Department of Commerce agency. Through its collaborations at the federal, state and local level, MEP centers in every state work with manufacturers to develop new products and customers, expand and diversify markets, adopt new technologies, and enhance value within supply chains.

As a public-private partnership, MEP delivers a high return on investment to taxpayers. For every one dollar of federal investment, the MEP national network generates \$17.9 in new sales growth for manufacturers and \$27.0 in new client investment. This translates into \$2.3 billion in new sales annually. And, for every \$1,501 of federal investment, MEP creates or retains one manufacturing job.

RESULTS FOR U.S. MANUFACTURERS

Through a range of services tailored to meet the current and future needs of manufacturers, MEP center staff work with clients to achieve measurable business results. The MEP national network:



WHY MEP?

Top 3 factors why clients choose to work with MEP

Expertise of staff 63%

Cost of Service **40%**

Fair Service 23%



MEP is built on a **national system** of centers located in all 50 states and Puerto Rico

MEP NATIONAL NETWORK

Each center is a partnership between the federal government and a variety of public or private entities, including state, university, and nonprofit organizations. This diverse network, with nearly 600 service locations, has close to 1,300 field staff serving as trusted business advisors and technical experts to assist manufacturers in communities across the country.











Results reported by MEP center clients surveyed by an outside third party; numbers rounded to the nearest whole number. Of the 8,921 clients selected for survey, 6,519 completed it. Measures are a conservative snapshot; recurring/cumulative benefits may be larger.

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