Your local MEP Center supports manufacturing innovation by:

- Finding the right partners to get your product to market
- Engineering for lean manufacturing
- Product, market and business strategy

DID YOU KNOW...

There is $2.8 Billion in federal funding for start-ups and small and mid-sized companies to engage in R&D to launch a new product or a new company?

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant Program provides support to companies:

1. Proof of Concept
2. R&D
3. Commercialization

Companies in manufacturing industries performed $221B (69%) of domestic R&D. SBIR funds are for R&D by small businesses. They are not loans and do not take equity.

SBIR Awardees have been awarded +125,600 patents to date.

SBIR, America's Seed Fund, Has Helped:

- Improve existing goods
- Stimulate technological innovation
- Develop new and better processes and materials
- Launch new products for the public
- Grow and build companies, creating more jobs

In the last three years, small manufacturers that have received SBIR funds have realized the following impacts on average per company when they work with their local MEP Center:

- $429,007 new sales per company
- $128,641 in cost savings per company
- 4 jobs created or retained per company

Whether you're an individual with an idea, a start-up, or a small manufacturer, there are resources available to guide you through the R&D and innovation process.

Learn more at www.nist.gov/mep/services/innovation/sbir.cfm