

## **Overview of the H-1B Make it in America Grants Grant Award Project Summaries**

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The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued a Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) on March 18, 2013 announcing the availability of grant funding for the H-1B Make it in America Grants.

The H-1B grant program is intended to raise the technical skill levels of American workers so they can obtain or upgrade employment in high-growth industries and occupation. The H-1B grant program is designed to provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, and related activities necessary to support such training. This Make it in America program was authorized under Section 414 (c) of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended (29 USC 2916a).

Make it in America builds upon the Administration's bottom-up approach to strengthening the economy by partnering with state, regional and local economies. Federal funding partners for the Make it in America Challenge include the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) and National Institutes of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST-MEP) along with the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOL-ETA), and the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) will help distressed regions build on existing assets and create a competitive environment for foreign-owned and domestic firms to establish and grow their U.S. operations, and create jobs. The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL-ETA) will provide H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant funds for training and training-related employment activities to develop a skilled workforce for the target industry. The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) will support the winner from the agency's congressionally designated area.

The Make it in America Challenge was designed to encourage foreign and domestic businesses to build and/or expand their operations in the United States. Grantees will leverage funding from funding agencies to include:

- public works projects that revitalize, expand and upgrade physical infrastructure that will attract new industry or encourage business retention or expansion;
- technical assistance in developing new strategies and tools to make their economies more attractive to insourcing or retention and expansion;
- technical assistance to companies looking to invest in innovative technologies, new products or services, or enhanced processes that will grow sales and jobs; and
- targeted training and employment activities that support the local workforce needs of employers, move new and current workers up and along a career pathway, and strengthen America's highly-skilled and diverse workforce.

This document contains summaries for the 10 grant recipients (announced on October 22, 2013) of the H-1B Make it in America grants totaling \$20 million (approximately \$12.8 million ETA funds) and representing 9 states.

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| <b>Grant Program:</b>   | H-1B Make it in America Grants   |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b>  | <b>ETA: Washington State Workforce Training &amp; Education</b><br>EDA: Innovate Washington Foundation of Spokane, Washington<br>NIST: Impact Washington   |
| <b>Total Funding:</b>   | \$1,800,000 (\$500,000 EDA, \$1,300,000 DOL-ETA)   |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  | Innovate Washington Foundation of Spokane, Washington  |
| <b>Identified Region:</b>   | Washington State, Skagit, Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Leiwis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, Adams, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Okanogan, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Whitman, Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason, and Kittitas counties   |
| <b>Identified Cluster:</b>  | Manufacturing  |
| <b>Project Description and Objectives:</b>                          | <p>These grants will implement a technical assistance program to make small and medium-sized business enterprises more competitive in the global marketplace and to encourage foreign direct investment in economically distressed rural areas of Washington State.</p> <p>To increase high-skill employment, the project will provide advanced educational experiences to incumbent and potential employees through Washington State University's Global Campus distance learning and Manufacturing Management Certificate Programs.</p>  |
| <b>Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency:</b> | <p><b>EDA grant description:</b> To implement a technical assistance program that makes small and medium-sized business enterprises more competitive in the global marketplace and encourage foreign direct investment in economically distressed rural areas of Washington State.</p> <p><b>ETA grant description:</b> To increase high-skill employment, the region will provide advanced educational experiences to incumbent and potential employees through Washington State University's Global Campus distance learning and Manufacturing Management Certificate Programs.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> Create a statewide Asset Map of SME's and their capabilities; develop and disseminate market intelligence, including tech mining/scouting reports; conduct industry specific trainings; enroll companies in Impact Washington's <i>Made In Washington</i> program.</p> |

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| <b>Grant Program:</b>   | H-1B Make it in America Grants  |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b>  | <b>ETA: Missouri Division of Workforce Development</b><br>EDA: The Curators of the University of Missouri (MU)<br>NIST: The Missouri Enterprise   |
| <b>Total Funding:</b>   | \$1,842,977 (\$463,518 EDA, \$1,79,459 DOL-ETA)   |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  | The Missouri Project to Build a Highly-Skilled and Diverse Workforce to Meet the Demands of the Utility and Advanced Manufacturing Industries   |
| <b>Identified Region:</b>   | Cole County; Jefferson City   |
| <b>Identified Cluster:</b>  | Nuclear Power   |
| <b>Project Description and Objectives:</b>                          | <p>These grants will help develop the supply chain, logistics, and infrastructure necessary to manufacture small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs) for the nuclear power industry, creating a new industry in Missouri focused on clean energy to respond to expected strong market demand in both the United States and abroad for SMRs. MU recently announced a partnership among Ameren Missouri, Westinghouse Electric, Co. and two MU campuses to conduct research related to small modular nuclear reactors. This project will help Missouri manufacturers become part of a supply chain for SMR production. The project will advance a comprehensive training strategy to develop a high-skill, high-quality workforce for manufacturers in the nuclear power industry while assessing the education, training, and certification needed to support the SMR effort.</p>  |
| <b>Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency:</b> | <p><b>EDA grant description:</b> To develop a supply chain, logistics, and infrastructure necessary to manufacture small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs) for the nuclear power industry. MU recently announced a partnership among Ameren Missouri, Westinghouse Electric Co. and two MU campuses to conduct research related to small modular nuclear reactors. The SMR initiative’s goal is to create a new industry in Missouri focused on clean energy to respond to expected strong market demand in both the United States and abroad for SMRs. This project will help Missouri manufacturers become part of a supply chain for SMR production. It will also assess the education, training and certification needed to develop a workforce to support the effort.</p> <p><b>ETA grant description:</b> The project will advance a comprehensive training strategy to develop a high-skill, high-quality workforce for manufacturers in the nuclear power industry while assessing the education, training and certification needed to support the SMR effort.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> Missouri Enterprise will conduct a detailed analysis of the SMR supply chain to identify primary supply components for SMR manufacture; and determine (with Westinghouse) the qualifications and certifications for tier one suppliers, and scout the state to find manufacturers who meet the criteria or those interested in raising their standards to become a supplier.</p> |

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| <b>Grant Program:</b>   | H-1B Make it in America Grants   |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b>  | <b>ETA: Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board</b><br>EDA: Center for Automotive Research (CAR)<br>NIST: Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC)   |
| <b>Total Funding:</b>   | \$1,471,800 (\$400,000 EDA, \$1,071,800 DOL-ETA)   |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  | Building Capacity and Capability in the Bio-Based Materials Manufacturing Sector   |
| <b>Identified Region:</b>   | 22 contiguous county region of Southeast Michigan, including the cities of Detroit, Flint, Pontiac and Jackson.  |
| <b>Identified Cluster:</b>  | Bio-based Materials in Automotive Manufacturing; Engineering   |
| <b>Project Description and Objectives:</b>                          | <p>These grants will support research into the bio-based product manufacturing cluster and its existing and potential relationship to the automotive manufacturing sector, provide specific and specialized technical assistance to firms within the sector, and provide skills training for unemployed, incumbent and new entrants in bio-based materials development with automotive industry applications. The project is expected to launch at least 10 supplier scouting initiatives, provide access to high performance computing tools for modeling and simulating bio-based materials specifically targeting supply chain and small- and medium-sized manufacturers, and provide technical assistance to at least 10 cluster companies resulting in \$5 million in new sales and \$1 million in new investment according to grantee estimates. The project encompasses a contiguous 22-county area in southeast Michigan and will emphasize training strategies along recognized career pathways leading to engineering credentials.</p>   |
| <b>Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency:</b> | <p><b>EDA grant description:</b> To support research into the bio-based product manufacturing cluster and its existing and potential relationship to the automotive manufacturing sector and provides specific and specialized technical assistance to firms within the sector. The project is expected to launch at least 10 supplier scouting initiatives, provide access to high performance computing tools for modeling and simulating bio-based materials specifically targeting supply chain and small- and medium-sized manufacturers, and provide technical assistance to at least 10 cluster companies. The project is expected to result in \$5 million in new sales and \$1 million in new investment, according to grantee estimates. The project area encompasses a contiguous 22-county project area in southeast Michigan.</p> <p><b>ETA grant description:</b> The project will provide skills training for unemployed, incumbent and new entrants in bio-based materials development with automotive industry applications. Training strategies will emphasize specific technologies along recognized career pathways leading to engineering credentials.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> The project will assist bio-based materials manufacturers to expand their operations; including creating support networks and helping them connect to relevant machine builders.</p> |

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| <b>Grant Program:</b>   | Make it in America Challenge  |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b>  | <b>ETA: Three Rivers Planning &amp; Development District (Mississippi Partnership WIA, Delta WIA)</b><br>EDA: Mississippi State University (MSU)<br>DRA: Mississippi State University (MSU)<br>NISTMEP: <i>InnovateMEP</i>  |
| <b>Total Funding:</b>   | \$1,931,935 (\$400,000 EDA, \$1.3 million DOL-ETA, \$231,935 DRA)   |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  | Reshoring Advanced Manufacturing Jobs in Mississippi: Enhancing Skills and Building Competitiveness   |
| <b>Identified Region:</b>   | 45 Counties in North Mississippi. <i>MS Partnership WIA</i> : Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Desoto, Grenada, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Winston, and Yalobusha counties, and <i>Delta WIA Areas</i> : Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington counties. Adjacent Counties Madison, Yazoo, Kemper, and Lauderdale Counties  |
| <b>Identified Cluster:</b>  | Advanced Manufacturing: Automotive and Furniture  |
| <b>Project Description and Objectives:</b>                          | These grants will strengthen the existing automotive and furniture manufacturing cluster supply chains in the region and drive job creation, business formation, export promotion, and foreign direct investment activity. The project includes a broad range of regional and state partners, including the Franklin Furniture Institute, the National Strategic Planning and Research Center, Mississippi Development Authority, and the Innovate Mississippi/Innovate MEP-Manufacturing Extension Partnership.  |
| <b>Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency:</b> | <b>EDA grant description:</b> To help MSU–led by its Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems Extension (CAVS-Extension) and Reshoring Initiative– and a broad range of regional and state partners, including the Franklin Furniture Institute, the National Strategic Planning and Research Center (nSPARC), Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), and the Innovate Mississippi/Innovate MEP-Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) – to develop and implement specific strategies and initiatives to strengthen the existing automotive and furniture manufacturing cluster supply chains in the region. The effort will drive job creation, business formation, export promotion, and foreign direct investment activity.<br><br><b>ETA grant description:</b> Based on industry feedback, community college partners will establish six-week internship programs with cooperating advanced manufacturers, and Mississippi State University will conduct a series of intensive, certificate-based workshops that are designed to develop a more competitive workplace through Lean, Six Sigma, and management skills.<br><br><b>DRA grant description:</b> DRA will fund 10 technical assistance projects that are |

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|  | <p>focused on building capacity within the Delta region. These projects will include Innovation Engineering, Plant Master Planning for plant expansions and launches, and other opportunities to leverage University-based technologies. The DRA will also support and facilitate multiple OEM supplier sourcing “listening sessions” throughout the Delta region. The participating OEMs will be recruited, and the session facilitated, by the Delta Partnership in a similar manner to the other sessions that will be held around the state, as funded under other scopes of work.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> <i>“InnovateMEP Mississippi”</i> will connect Mississippi and regional supply chains, and strengthen the state’s qualified supplier base by assisting targeted SMEs. All of these activities will be integrated through the development of an <i>“InnovateMEP Innovation and Supplier Development Collaboratory”</i>, and are projected to lead to an economic impact of \$4 million and 20 jobs created and/or saved.</p> |
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| Grant Program:   | Make it in America Challenge  |
| Grantee Name:  | <b>ETA: Medina County Workforce Development</b><br>EDA: N.E.O. Foundation<br>NIST-MEP: MAGNET   |
| Total Funding:   | \$1,796,867 (\$499,954 EDA, \$1,296,913 DOL-ETA)  |
| Project Name:  | Advance Northeast Ohio (ANEO)   |
| Identified Region:   | Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Lorain, and Youngstown, Ohio  |
| Identified Cluster:  | Advanced Materials Technology: Bio-medical, Automotive, and Advanced Energy Sectors   |
| Project Description and Objectives:                          | These grants will help identify up to twenty-five firms with the potential to attract foreign investment from the bio-medical, automotive, and advanced energy sectors in Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Lorain, and Youngstown. The project also provides specialized and individualized technical assistance to those firms and will support workforce hiring and training in advanced materials development. In addition to identifying workforce needs of the clusters, recruiting and training talent, the project will provide better access to career pathways for the regional concentration of engineers and technicians.   |
| Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency: | <p><b>EDA grant description:</b> To identify up to twenty-five firms from the bio-medical, automotive, and advanced energy sectors in the cities of Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Lorain, and Youngstown with the potential to attract foreign investment. The project also provides specialized and individualized technical assistance to those firms.</p> <p><b>ETA grant description:</b> The project will support workforce hiring and training in advanced materials development in the Northeast Ohio region. In addition to identifying workforce needs of the clusters, recruiting and training talent, the grantee will provide better access to career pathways for the regional concentration of engineers and technicians.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> The project will assess SPCs, establish commitment, development project plans, and act as the project manager. It will determine gaps in manufacturing value chains for OEMs and large industry partners, and scout suppliers and offer services to small firms for supply chain expansion.</p> |

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| Grant Program:   | Make it in America Challenge  |
| Grantee Name:  | <b>ETA: Ohio Valley Employment Resources of Marietta, Ohio</b><br>EDA: Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District of Reno, Ohio<br>NIST-MEP: Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) on behalf of the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG), the region’s MEP hub.  |
| Total Funding:   | \$1,700,844 (\$400,888 EDA, \$1,299,956 DOL-ETA)  |
| Project Name:  | Make it in Appalachian Ohio   |
| Identified Region:   | The 28-County Region of Appalachian Ohio  |
| Identified Cluster:  | Metal Fabrication, Polymers and Chemicals, and Wood Furniture Manufacturing   |
| Project Description and Objectives:                          | These grants will help identify, research and document attributes of up to 1,000 development sites in the region, make the findings available online, and create a GIS database and maps spotlighting characteristics of those sites and of regional economic and workforce development assets to draw the attention of developers and site selectors. The project also includes workforce training focused on targeted industries including metal fabrication, polymers and chemicals, and wood furniture manufacturing. The project’s plan is based on an incumbent worker-training model that fosters increased productivity, wage gains, and transferable skills for the region’s targeted industries.  |
| Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency: | <b>EDA grant description:</b> To identify, research and document attributes of up to 1,000 development sites in the region, make the findings available online, and create a GIS database and maps spotlighting characteristics of those sites and of regional economic and workforce development assets to draw the attention of developers and site selectors.<br><br><b>ETA grant description:</b> Workforce training will focus on targeted industries including metal fabrication, polymers and chemicals, and wood furniture manufacturing. The project’s plan is based on an incumbent worker-training model that fosters increased productivity, wage gains and transferable skills for the region’s targeted industries.<br><br><b>NIST grant description:</b> The grant will engage at least 400 wood furniture manufacturing firms to identify and implement productivity improvements, provide MEP services, and ETA funded workforce training resources, develop an industry supply chain database, convene regional network-building events, and promote environmentally-focused practices. |

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| <b>Grant Program:</b>   | Make it in America Challenge  |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b>  | <b>ETA: Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc. (CCWI)</b><br>EDA: Midcoast Regional Development Authority (MRRA)<br>NIST: Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP)   |
| <b>Total Funding:</b>   | \$2,425,000 (\$1.3 million DOL-ETA, \$750,000 EDA, and \$375,000 NIST)  |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  | The Midcoast Regional Innovation Initiative   |
| <b>Identified Region:</b>   | Midcoast Maine region within a 50-mile radius of the former Naval Air Station   |
| <b>Identified Cluster:</b>  | Advanced Manufacturing: Aerospace/Aviation; Advanced Materials/Composites; Renewable Energy; Bio-Technology   |
| <b>Project Description and Objectives:</b>                          | <p>These grants will support efforts to re-shore jobs, expand manufacturing employment, and accelerate Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by establishing an advanced manufacturing/technology accelerator, providing workforce training, and providing supply chain assistance within a 50-mile radius of the former base. Specifically, the three grants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovate 93,000 ft. of the former Navy maintenance/repair facility to create <i>TechPlace</i>, to target four growth sectors: 1) aerospace/aviation; 2) advanced materials/composites; 3) renewable energy; and 4) biotechnology.</li> <li>• Undertake supply chain initiatives in the four sectors to strengthen Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and better position manufactures for growth</li> <li>• Implement training programs to build a highly-skilled and diverse workforce that meets employer demand in the four targeted sectors</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency:</b> | <p><b>EDA grant description:</b> Renovation and effective reuse of key property in Building 250 at Brunswick Landing: Maine’s Center for Innovation (formerly Naval Air Station Brunswick). The EDA grant will provide \$750,000 toward completion of the \$1.5 million renovation project. Midcoast Regional Development Authority will use the EDA grant to support the development of low-cost operation and manufacturing space and access to common services and equipment.</p> <p><b>ETA grant description:</b> Training, industry-recognized credentialing, and internship placement for incumbent and unemployed workers. ETA’s grant will fund Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc. to provide industry-recognized credentials and customized skills training to incumbent workers in Maine’s manufacturing companies in the four industry sectors, and provide unemployed individuals with a combination of industry credentials and an internship at selected Maine manufacturing companies.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> Training and technical services. The NIST grant will support the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership to: 1) Supply chain scouting and manufacturing capabilities assessments for regional SMEs; 2) Provide training and technical assistance for ISO 9001 and ISO 50001 to help SMEs access foreign markets and international supply chains; 3)</p> |

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|  | Deliver workshops in CE Marketing to enable SME to export to the EU and meet international OEM requirements; and 4) Provide services to the manufacturing companies that will occupy TechPlace once it's renovated. |
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| <b>Grant Program:</b>   | Make it in America Challenge  |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b>  | <b>ETA: Job Growers, Inc.</b><br>EDA: Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG)<br>NIST-MEP applicant: Oregon Manufacturing Extension Program (OMEP)  |
| <b>Total Funding:</b>   | \$1,714,376; (\$414,400 EDA, \$1,299,976 DOL-ETA)   |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  | Make It in Willamette Valley  |
| <b>Identified Region:</b>   | Marion and Polk Counties (Salem SMSA), and Yamhill County (Portland/Vancouver SMSA). These counties are in Oregon Region 3.   |
| <b>Identified Cluster:</b>  | Advanced Manufacturing: Agriculture, Food & Beverage Products, Metals, Machinery & Equipment, Forest & Wood Products, Specialty Materials, and Other Traded Sector  |
| <b>Project Description and Objectives:</b>                          | These grants will support training of incumbent workers, analysis of the advanced manufacturing sector; business outreach; development of supply chain connections; and regional capacity-building. Objectives of these grants include: Increasing re-shoring activities; attracting foreign direct investment to the region; and increasing deployment of a highly-skilled and diverse workforce.  |
| <b>Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency:</b> | <p><b>EDA grant description:</b> Strengthening regional assets. The EDA grant will support supply chain market research, development of a Regional Marketing Support Team, creation of executive leadership forums to foster a collaborative and innovative manufacturing culture. MWVCOG and SEDCOR, with input and assistance from Business Oregon, will implement the grant activities.</p> <p><b>ETA grant description:</b> Building a Highly Skilled and Diverse Workforce. The ETA grant will support Job Growers to provide incumbent worker training, on-the-job training, and restructuring of the Mid-Willamette High Performance Consortium. These efforts will: Train and place 112 individual in H-1B occupations (25 incumbent workers and 87 unemployed individuals hired and trained through OJT); and deliver 5 trainings conducted by Consortium members.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> Connecting Regional Supply Chains and Assisting SMEs. NIST funds will support the Oregon Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP) in conducting a Growth Opportunity Review with targeted manufacturing companies; collaboration with SMEs to develop an Innovation and Supply Chain Business Model review; and deployment of a growth services delivery system. These efforts will: Identify and develop a list of manufacturers in the three (3) counties by size, sector, and supply chain connections; identify opportunities and gaps; and use the Collaboration for Manufacturing Innovation model to introduce business leaders to best practices; and provide 10 SME consulting engagements.</p> |

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| Grant Program:   | Make it in America Challenge   |
| Grantee Name:  | <b>ETA: South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments</b><br>EDA: Clemson University Center for Workforce Development (CUCWD)<br>NIST: South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP)  |
| Total Funding:   | \$3,549,610 (2 projects, non-construction/construction)<br>\$2,250,000 EDA, \$1,299,610 DOL-ETA  |
| Project Name:  | Select SC: Improving Manufacturing Competitiveness in the Palmetto State   |
| Identified Region:   | 12-County Region (Anderson, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Greenville, Marion, Marlboro, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties in SC)   |
| Identified Cluster:  | Advanced Manufacturing   |
| Project Description and Objectives:                          | These grants will focus on improving advanced manufacturing through insourcing, expansion, and foreign direct investment. Specifically the grants will support: 1) Workforce development, economic development, and job creation through educational access to industry-recognized, high-technology programs using a variety of e-tools; 2) Reduction of total costs to manufacture in select regions by implementing a strategy that increases efficiency in industry supply chain management and Innovation Engineering; and 3) Human capital capacity-building through training and creation of career pathways with embedded industry credentials.   |
| Brief Description of Activities to be Funded by Each Agency: | <p><b>EDA grant description:</b> The EDA grant will support the development of an Innovation Hub to improve the state’s national and global competitiveness in key clusters. The HUB, which will be built on Clemson University’s campus and run by the University’s Center for Workforce Development, will provide regional access, support services, and digital resources, including an Interactive Web Hub, for job seekers, students, entrepreneurs, employers, and investors. The HUB will also provide digital learning tools for state agencies, economic development offices, and educational institutions.</p> <p><b>ETA grant description:</b> SC Select Pathways Initiative, Work Link and three colleges (Greenville Technical, Northeastern Technical, and Tri-County Technical) will lead the ETA-funded Pathways Initiative to support stackable certificates that build core skills and provide industry-recognized credentials in advanced manufacturing growth areas. The Initiative will include instruction, digital resources and technology-enabled curriculum through the SC Innovation Hub, as well as work experience, OJT and apprenticeship models. Students will include unemployed and under-employed individuals and incumbent workers.</p> <p><b>NIST grant description:</b> Innovation Engineering Supporting Advanced Manufacturing Program will provide technical assistance in Innovation Engineering and supply chain management; track performance measures and report findings to NIST to facilitate SMEs’ engagement in growing clusters; and work with companies already participating in industry clusters as well as those companies interested in participating.</p> |