SC MEP
SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP
HELPING SOUTH CAROLINA COMPANIES GROW
NIST MEP Network Affiliate
Manufacturing Extension Partnerships (MEPs)

- The MEP program is sponsored by NIST, which is a non-regulatory federal agency under the US Department of Commerce
- Founded in 1989 by Senator Fritz Hollings
- Initially 3 Centers: Ohio, New York, and South Carolina
- Currently, MEP centers in all 50 states plus Puerto Rico
Nationwide MEP Centers
Fiscal Year ‘18 Impact Results

Statewide Impact = $2.69 Billion

- New Investments: $379 Million
- Cost Savings: $91 Million
- Retained Sales: $1.88 Billion
- New Sales: $341 Million
- Manufacturers Served – 508
  - Jobs Created – 1,361
  - Jobs Retained – 6,222
The State of South Carolina Workforce Key Efforts

• Coordination between Education, Business and Workforce to build talent pipeline

• Regional Sector Partnerships are driving development of Career Pathways

• General Assembly to fund SC WIN and Career Pathways Scholarships

• State Workforce Development Board funding Scholarships statewide for ManuFirst training through Technical Colleges
The State of South Carolina Workforce Key Efforts

• Demand Driven System-working with businesses and industry to implement and measure solutions-based services
• $3M invested in last 2 years for incumbent worker training-4000 company workers trained
• Layoff Aversion/Diversification Assistance
• Targeting job seekers who face barriers to employment:
  • Apprenticeship program to help people with disabilities or criminal backgrounds
• Tax credit to hire these job seekers
SCMEP Workforce Key Efforts and Challenges

• Build sustainable culture
• Standard Work to help with knowledge gap-TWI
• Educate Manufacturing companies on how to reach middle school and high school students
• Develop Marketing material for manufacturing companies to reach high schools students
• OEM’s moving fast on AR/VR and will have only 50% of training done by an instructor
• 5,130 companies in South Carolina are under 100 employees. They need AR/VR Training.
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