



SC MEP

SOUTH CAROLINA
MANUFACTURING
EXTENSION
PARTNERSHIP

**HELPING
SOUTH CAROLINA
COMPANIES
GROW**



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

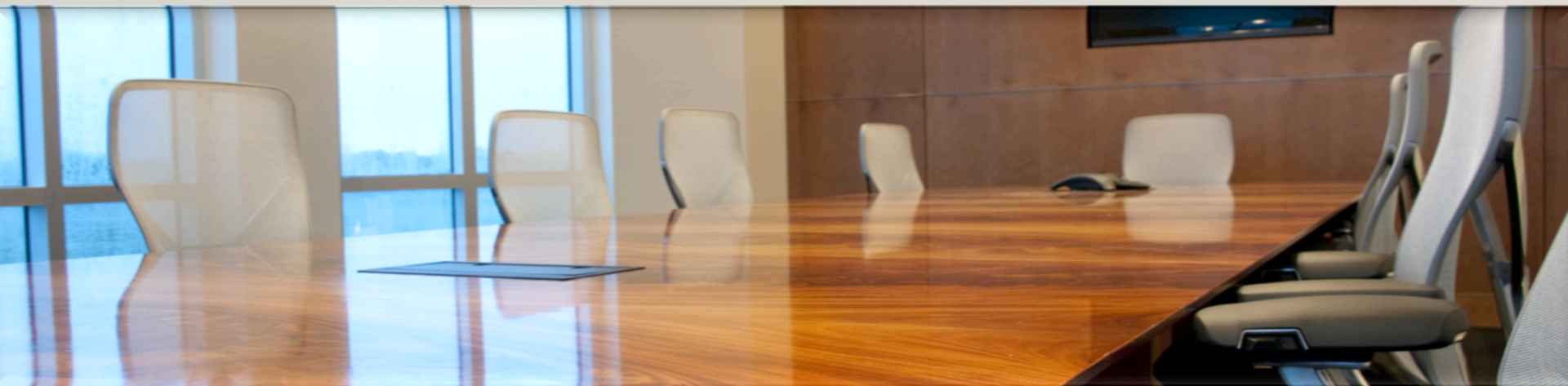
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- Demand Driven System-working with businesses and industry to implement and measure solutions-based services
- \$3M invested in last 2 years for incumbent worker training-4000 company workers trained
- Layoff Aversion/Diversification Assistance
- 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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