

## Manufacturing PA Initiative

Manufacturing PA supports Pennsylvania's manufacturing community through strategic partnerships while emphasizing job training to career pathways. In Pennsylvania, manufacturing is in our DNA. From companies focused on medical devices and organic foods to nanomaterials and fabricated metal products, Pennsylvania has successfully applied its workforce's skilled approach, established infrastructure, and in-state resources to modern manufacturing.

Governor Tom Wolf has created a new multifaceted initiative to enhance the growth and competitiveness of manufacturing companies in Pennsylvania. The Manufacturing PA Initiative includes DCED's strategic partners such as the National Institutes of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP) funded Industrial Resource Centers (IRC), Pennsylvania's colleges, universities & technical schools and non-profit organizations providing critical training and workforce development opportunities supporting the manufacturing industry and its workforce. Job training to career pathways is a primary focus of the initiative's efforts.



The Manufacturing PA Initiative includes three new programs:

### **Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant Program**

The Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant program will not duplicate existing programs such as WEDNet and Next Generation Industry Partnerships but is designed to help companies identify and train a skilled workforce for existing or near future open positions, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of career opportunities in manufacturing, and or advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers.

The grant funds may be used for professional services/consultants, internships, equipment purchase, shop modifications, program development, marketing, domestic travel, and salaries and fringes. Pennsylvania Technical Schools; Trade Schools; Community Colleges; School Districts; Post-secondary Academic Institutions; Non-profit organizations (Workforce Development Boards, Manufacturing Associations, and Economic Development Organizations) are eligible. Funding is dependent upon budget recommendations and constraints set in the adopted annual budget for the Commonwealth.

### **Industrial Resource Centers**

Pennsylvania's seven Industrial Resource Centers (IRC) serve as the state's lead economic development organizations, providing support to the manufacturing community. The IRCs specialize in providing technical assistance to the manufacturing sector by assisting companies with improved bottom line strategies, productivity enhancement and waste elimination, and with topline growth by supporting strategic initiatives, new and improved products, market differentiation and workforce development strategies.

Funds will be awarded based upon submission and review of IRC proposals and work plans that demonstrate regional needs, number of manufacturers, proposed projects, and projected impacts. For additional information about the Industrial Resource Centers Program, contact Neil Fowler at 717.214.5395.

### **Manufacturing PA Innovation Program**

The Manufacturing PA Innovation Program leverages the internationally acclaimed science and engineering talent and discovery capacity of all Pennsylvania's institutions of higher education to help ensure that Pennsylvania remains a national and international leader in manufacturing and achieves the full economic potential for good well-paying manufacturing jobs.

PMIP grant funds are used for student research, research-related expenses, project-related travel costs (domestic only), and administrative costs. The sole applicant under this program is Carnegie Mellon University. Funding is dependent upon budget recommendations and constraints set in the adopted annual budget for the Commonwealth.

## MANUFACTURING in Pennsylvania



**\$113.2 Billion**  
in economic  
impact



**6th Largest**  
manufacturing industry  
in the United States

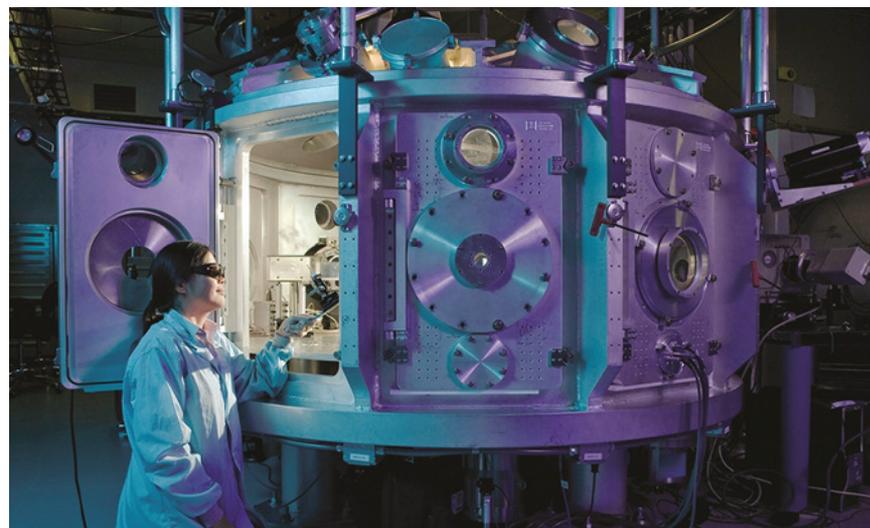


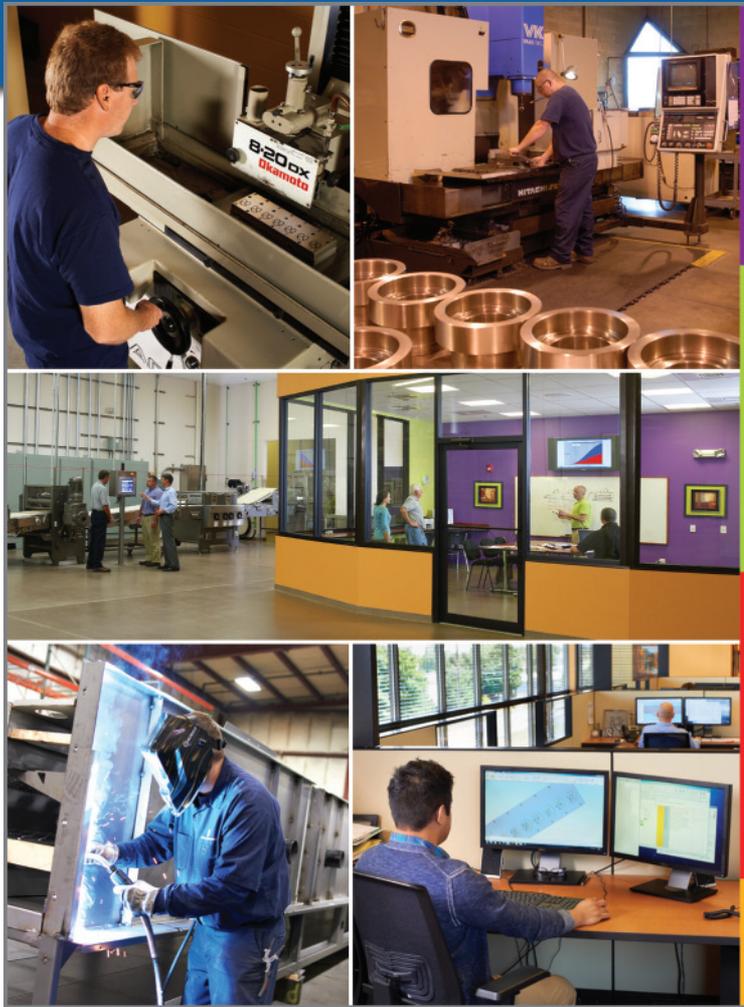
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establishments

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RBS was originally founded as Reading Pretzel Machinery (RPM) by Edwin Groff in West Reading in 1947. Edwin and the RPM team designed, built, sold and serviced the first automated pretzel forming machines. Realizing the larger quantity need of snack makers, Groff designed an integrated baking system that could efficiently and effectively handle much larger volumes of snack product.

Edwin's son Terry joined the company in 1974. Together, the Groff's helped shape the future of the food manufacturing industry while establishing the company as a global brand. Terry led a culture of integrity, creativity, and innovation that developed numerous inventions like the first stainless steel-lined ovens and a twisting die for braided pretzels. That culture still exists today.



For more than a century, innovation has been in our DNA and our business has thrived because of our relentless pursuit of ways to improve the mixing and baking systems that make our customers successful.

RBS is more than just a leading snack food equipment manufacturer. We are a business that builds strong and lasting relationships with employees, communities, and customers alike. Partnership, collaboration, empowerment, and shared success make Reading Bakery Systems not only a great place to work, but a great place to build a career.

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## Reppert's Candy Growing

Reppert's Candy grew last year with the help of Longacre Electric and Victory Bank. They installed new machines and have expanded their workforce. This will allow them to expand their wholesale offerings and they now sell their product in 40 USA states wholesale. They are currently looking at greatly expanding their current business into a national supplier for finished Chocolates. Operating out of a 12,000 square foot facility in Oley Township, Reppert's Candy offers more than 65 varieties of candy and approximately 200 different style chocolate molds.



the beautifully detailed packaging, will certainly overwhelm all of your senses.

Reppert's also offers custom chocolates for your wedding favors and gifts for the wedding party, bride or even the groom. Reppert's can offer custom molds, custom packaging and plenty of options. Call them so they can learn how to make your special day even sweeter. You can reach them at 610.689.9200 or email: info@reppertscandy.com.

Reppert's Candy is located at 2708 W. Philadelphia Ave., Oley, PA 19547. They would love to have you stop in to check out their new candies and their new look. For additional information, please visit: www.reppertscandy.com.

Other Retailers with Reppert's Candy include: Coventry Parlor at Laurel Locks, Inc.; Pottstown Memorial Medical Center; Professional Pharmacy Pottsburg; Professional Pharmacy Pottstown; S.Clyde Weaver; Dutch Valley Food Distributors; and Patsy's Potpourri of Gifts, 30 E. Philadelphia Ave, Boyertown.

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## Morgan Truck Body

*Impacting and Empowering the Community: One Body at a Time!*

### Day of Caring

On September 14th, Morgan Truck Body team members participated in the Day of Caring for the United Way of Berks County. Morgan was assigned to help out at the Reading Science Center, whose mission is to foster a love of STEM through experiential learning to the greater Reading community, especially its youth. Volunteers assembled 1000+ take-home science kits that will be disbursed throughout Berks County.

### W.I.N.

Morgan Truck Body formed W.I.N., the Women's Initiative Network, in 2022. This brand-new resource group is dedicated to promoting inclusion and diversity by supporting and driving the development of female team members and their allies toward their professional and personal goals. W.I.N. is team member led and is focused on providing opportunities for sharing experiences and being supported by peers and mentors. The group is dedicated to attracting and retaining women to Morgan and providing professional development, networking, and exposure opportunities.

### High School Welding Internship Program

Morgan Truck Body started their 2022 fall welding internship program September 6th. There are 8 local high school seniors participating from Coatesville Area Senior High School, Wilson High School, and Chester County Intermediate Unit Learning Center. The Welding Internship Training Program will certify school aged students to become entry level certified Morgan Welders. Students participating in the program may be offered regular



Morgan Truck Body team members participating in Day of Caring for the United Way.



Spring 2022 High School Welding Internship Program Recognition Ceremony.

employment to start upon graduation as a full-time welder. The program consists of classroom training, hands-on training, and on-the-floor training.

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