

# IMC Secures DOE SMART Grant to Advance Manufacturing Technology in Central PA

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The Innovative Manufacturers Center (IMC), a public-private partnership dedicated to supporting small- and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) in Central Pennsylvania, has been awarded a grant through the Department of Energy's (DOE)

Smart Manufacturing Assistance and Training Program (SMART). This funding will enable IMC to assist manufacturers in the region with adopting advanced manufacturing technologies to enhance productivity and remain competitive.

### **Driving Innovation with SMART Manufacturing**

The SMART-PA program is designed to help SMMs invest in SMART manufacturing technologies to address critical challenges, such as:

- **Lower Production Rates:** Caused by workforce shortages.
- **Data Delays:** Resulting from manual or paper-based processes.
- **High Scrap Rates:** Due to unnoticed out-of-spec processes.
- **Excessive Downtime:** Caused by inefficient machine operations.

By leveraging SMART-PA resources, manufacturers can improve operational efficiency, attract skilled talent, and reduce costs, ensuring long-term competitiveness in the market.

### **Program Benefits for Central PA Manufacturers**

Through the SMART-PA program, IMC will provide manufacturers with:

- **Technology Assessments:** Identify opportunities for improvement.
- **Technical Assistance:** Support for implementing advanced manufacturing technologies.
- **Mini-Grants:** Financial assistance for technology adoption projects.
- **Educational Events and Networking:** Access to training sessions and industry connections.

IMC is committed to empowering manufacturers in Central Pennsylvania with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in today's competitive environment. Connect with IMC at [info@imcpa.com](mailto:info@imcpa.com), 570-329-3200 for support and resources.