

IMC Secures ARC Grant to Advance Green Energy Manufacturing and Workforce Development 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 \$510,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) fund.

This funding will enable IMC to help SMMs in its 12-county region expand or enter the growing green technology and clean energy sectors, fostering economic growth and sustainability.

Driving Green Technology Adoption

The ARC grant will support Central PA manufacturers in adopting technologies and practices for renewable energy, hydrogen power, low-carbon and decarbonized energy, smart grid improvements, electric vehicles, and green buildings.

IMC will provide:

- **Training and Technical Assistance:** Resources to upskill employees and implement green technologies.
- **Supply Chain Mapping:** Insights to help manufacturers identify and capitalize on opportunities in the green energy market.
- **Factory Upgrades Guidance:** Support for facility improvements to meet the needs of clean energy production.

Empowering Regional Growth

This initiative will strengthen Central Pennsylvania's manufacturing ecosystem, positioning the region as a leader in green energy innovation while creating jobs and enhancing sustainability.

Central PA manufacturers interested in leveraging this opportunity are encouraged to contact IMC for more information at info@imcpa.com, 570-329-3200.

IMC Partners with PennTAP to

Offer No Cost Energy Audits to Manufacturers

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Is your company interested in saving money through pollution prevention strategies and energy efficiency assessments?

The Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP) is a federal-state-university partnership that provides technical assistance and one-on-one consultation to resolve specific business needs of small to mid-size PA companies. Their energy and environment team can help your company save money through pollution prevention and energy efficiency strategies.

PennTAP technical advisors and Penn State students will spend a day at your facility to examine manufacturing operations to identify opportunities to save energy and reduce waste and operating costs. PennTAP will perform one-on-one pollution prevention and energy efficiency onsite visits, provide recommendations for improvements in energy utilization and waste reduction, prepare and deliver site assessment reports, and provide assistance completing grant applications for project implementation.

IMC and PennTAP can bring a fresh set of eyes to work for you and your company to increase efficiency and reduce overhead costs, which can help retain existing jobs or lead to job creation.

For a free assessment, contact IMC at 570-329-3200x8085 or email info@imcpa.com.