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California Manufacturing Technology Consulting[®] (CMTC) Receives Federal Grant to Assist Small Manufacturers with Technology

TORRANCE, CA – [The National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\)](http://www.nist.gov) has awarded [California Manufacturing Technology Consulting[®] \(CMTC\)](http://www.cmtc.com) \$500,000 as part of a federal grant to establish a Manufacturing Technology Acceleration Center (M-TAC) team to explore the transfer of technologies to small manufacturers in supply chains. CMTC was one of five Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Centers across the U.S. to receive [an award](#) in addition to Georgia, Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin.

The CMTC M-TAC team will identify ways small and medium sized manufacturers (SMMs) can use technology to improve their supply chain value. Top-Tier Suppliers and SMMs will be engaged to test and demonstrate business models to improve supplier communication and performance. These technologies include 3 D printing, sensing, and IT systems designed to improve supply chain collaboration. The M-TAC project will serve as a guide for future NIST investments in supply chain development and optimization.

“We want to make sure that SMMs have access to technologies they can practically apply improving competitiveness, innovation and value in global supply chains,” stated Jim Watson, President and CEO of CMTC.

CMTC recently hired Chris Buthe, Supply Chain Specialist, to assist with the development and implementation of M-TAC projects with manufacturers in Southern California. Chris has extensive experience in customer processes, supply chains and vertical manufacturing. Most recently, he operated Lean Enterprise Development, where he implemented strategies to improve supplier value and supply chain communications for SMMs.

ABOUT CMTC A private, nonprofit corporation established in 1992, CMTC is the Southern California affiliate of NIST MEP, under the Federal Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program, a network of more than 60 centers across the country that provides assistance to small, medium and large manufacturers. CMTC serves Fresno to San Diego/Imperial County. CMTC and Manex represent the MEP system in California and work in close collaboration on all manufacturing issues and opportunities within the State of California. For more information, visit www.cmtc.com or follow us [on LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#). Subscribe to our manufacturing network blog at <http://www.cmtc.com/blog>

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