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Ohio's ISP Model Delivers Workforce Wins

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) today applauded Gov. Mike DeWine, Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik for announcing more than \$5 million in Industry Sector Partnership grants to strengthen workforce partnerships across Ohio.

The state announced that 22 workforce partnerships will receive more than \$5.06 million through the Industry Sector Partnership Grant Program, including nine OMA-endorsed Industry Sector Partnerships (ISPs). The grants will support regional collaborations that connect Ohioans to in-demand careers and help employers build stronger local talent pipelines.

"This is the workforce model Ohio should be doubling down on," said Ryan Augsburger, OMA president. "Our endorsed ISPs are not checking boxes. They are connecting people to careers, solving real talent challenges and building the infrastructure behind Ohio's manufacturing future."

ISPs bring together employers, education and training providers, workforce organizations and community leaders to address regional workforce needs. Since 2019, Ohio has invested in 121 ISPs representing 77 unique organizations, with more than \$22.7 million in total support.

The nine OMA-endorsed partnerships receiving grants are Advanced Manufacturing Consortium; Advanced Manufacturing Industry Sector Partnership; Central Ohio Manufacturing Partnership; Dayton Region Manufacturing Workforce Partnership; Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition; Raise the Bar Hancock County; Stark County Manufacturing Workforce Development Partnership; Workforce Connect Manufacturing Sector Partnership; and Workforce Partnership of Putnam County.

The OMA said the grants reinforce the value of regional workforce partnerships that are already helping manufacturers compete and Ohioans access quality careers.

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association composed solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. It represents manufacturers of all sizes in every subsector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employing approximately 690,000 Ohioans and contributing more than \$138 billion annually to the economy. Visit ohiomfg.com, or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

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