

Language: Manufacturing Extension Program

FY2005 Request: \$1,600,000

Reference No: AMD 40242

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Planning

Category: Development

Recipient: Various

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 03/15/2005 - 06/30/2010

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Federal Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP) will support Alaska's small and medium sized manufacturers throughout the state by providing them access to knowledgeable manufacturing and business specialists throughout the United States. This program contributes to the Department's mission of promoting a healthy economy by developing the business skills of Alaska's small manufacturing companies. This amendment will allow the receipt of federal money earlier than anticipated and will be used for the implementation of 50 e-commerce centers.

| Funding: | FY2005 | FY2006 | FY2007 | FY2008 | FY2009 | FY2010 | Total |
|-----------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| BLic&Corp | \$400,000 | | | | | | \$400,000 |
| Fed Rcpts | \$800,000 | | | | | | \$800,000 |
| Gen Fund | \$400,000 | | | | | | \$400,000 |
| Total: | \$1,600,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,600,000 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway | <input type="checkbox"/> On-Going |
| 0% = Minimum State Match % Required | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill | |

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

| | Amount | Staff |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| Project Development: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 0 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

There has been no prior capital request for this program.

Sec. 14 (a) Supplemental item

Project Description/Justification:

Manufacturing Extension Partnership

In accordance with Governor Murkowski's October 8, 2004 letter to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Department wishes to participate in the Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP). The MEP is a nationwide network of not-for-profit centers in nearly 350 locations nationwide, whose sole purpose is to provide small and medium sized manufacturers with the help they need to succeed. Centers are funded by federal, state, local, and private resources.

The centers, serving all 50 states and Puerto Rico, are linked together through the federal Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology. The link will make it possible for even the smallest and remotest of Alaska's small manufacturers to tap into the expertise of knowledgeable manufacturing and business specialists throughout the United States.

Each Center works directly with area manufacturers to provide expertise and services tailored to their needs, which range from process improvements and worker training to business practices and applications of information technology. Solutions are offered through a combination of direct assistance from center staff and outside consultants.

The success of more manufacturers through out Alaska will improve the economy with increased jobs, sales, training, and equipment investments.

The federal National Institute of Standards and Technology will contribute \$800,000 in federal funding and the State will need to contribute an equal amount of \$800,000. The total project's cost is \$1,600,000.