

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senators Tom Carper, Chris Coons and Congressman John Carney (all D-DE) announced \$50,400 in federal funding to strengthen and grow Delaware's manufacturing industry. The funding was made possible through the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, which will provide assistance to manufacturers through access to training resources and specific project assistance.

"The manufacturing sector of Delaware - a vital part of the state's economy - has been hit hard by this recession. This funding will continue to revitalize our struggling industries, providing them with the resources they need to increase productivity and put more Delawareans back to work. It's programs like this that help our manufacturing industry get back on track."

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program's mission is to support, strengthen, and grow U.S. manufacturing. To do this, it provides customized and direct assistance to manufacturers through its nationwide network of MEP centers, with nearly 400 locations across the country and more than 1,600 field staff working every day with companies in their plants and offices.

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