



## North Dakota Manufacturing Support Resources

Whether you're launching a new manufacturing venture or looking to optimize an existing operation, the ND SBDC provides expert guidance to help manufacturers achieve their goals. In addition to our services, businesses can access a broad network of statewide and regional partners. These organizations offer specialized programs, technical expertise, and funding opportunities to strengthen North Dakota's manufacturing sector.

### **Impact Dakota**

[Impact Dakota](#) is the state's official Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) center and the go-to organization for direct, hands-on support to manufacturers.

- Lean manufacturing and Six Sigma
- Quality systems (ISO, etc.)
- Product development & innovation
- Cybersecurity assistance
- Workforce development

### **North Dakota Department of Commerce**

The [Department of Commerce](#) business services division administers financial and incentive programs that support industrial and manufacturing growth.

- Development Fund: Gap financing for capital needs
- Automation Tax Credit: Encourages investment in automation technologies
- Innovate ND: For product-based entrepreneurs and early-stage manufacturing

### **Greater North Dakota Chamber**

The [North Dakota Manufacturing Council](#) (NDMC) is a program of the Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC) and is the official State Association of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM).

### **Job Service North Dakota**

[Job Service ND](#) Supports manufacturers through talent pipeline development.

- New Jobs Training Program: Grants for businesses adding new jobs
- Registered Apprenticeships: Custom workforce development
- Labor Market Intelligence: Regional wage and talent data



### **North Dakota Industrial Commission**

The [Commission](#) supports energy and manufacturing-related infrastructure through various loan and grant programs.

- Clean Sustainable Energy Authority (CSEA): Funding for innovative industrial projects

### **University Partnerships – UND & NDSU**

These institutions support manufacturing through R&D, prototype development, and industry collaborations.

- [UND Center for Innovation](#)
- [NDSU Research & Technology Park](#)
- [UND College of Engineering & Mines](#)
- [NDSU Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering program](#)
- [Bismarck State College Manufacturing & Automation program](#)

Opportunities:

- Engineering and materials testing
- Technology transfer and commercialization
- Product design and innovation research

### **North Dakota Trade Office (NDTO)**

The [North Dakota Trade Office](#) (NDTO) is a membership-based, public-private partnership that provides education, advocacy, and resources to help North Dakota businesses expand into international markets through export planning, trade missions, and grant support.

- Export readiness assessments
- Trade missions
- Educational workshops and market research

### **North Dakota Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)**

[ND EPSCoR's Advanced Manufacturing initiative](#) supports innovation, productivity, and market expansion in North Dakota's manufacturing sector to drive economic growth and technological advancement.

### **Local Economic Development Corporations (EDCs)**

Local EDCs offer site selection help, business incentives, infrastructure grants, and custom support for incoming manufacturers. If you don't live in one of the state's larger communities, we encourage you to reach out to your local or regional economic development corporation to learn more about the resources and support available in your area.

- [Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC](#)
- [Greater Fargo Moorhead EDC](#)
- [Grand Forks Region EDC](#)
- [Minot Area Chamber EDC](#)



## North Dakota APEX Accelerator

The [ND APEX Accelerator](#) helps businesses pursue and win government contracts at the federal, state, and local levels.

- One-on-one advising
- Assistance with SAM.gov and SBA certifications
- Bid match notifications for contract opportunities
- Webinars and workshops on contracting topics
- Annual procurement conference with buyers and agencies

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