

Ohio Defense Manufacturing Community What They're Saying



Able Tool Corporation

“This is exciting news for Ohio’s bid to be a leader in the Department of Defense supply chain. Investments like these help keep U.S. manufacturers competitive and give us access to emerging technologies.”

–Paul D. Hayes, President, Able Tool Corporation



ARM

“ARM is thrilled to support the Ohio Defense Manufacturing Community and advise on the creation of new Industry 4.0 workforce efforts focused on robotics. Prior to this designation, Ohio was a leader in industrial training programs and a critical state in the defense manufacturing base. This designation will further enhance these strengths, and ARM stands ready to bring our national perspective to this vital initiative.”

–Lisa Masciantonio, Chief Workforce Officer, ARM



Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

“Congratulations to the State of Ohio and everyone who worked so hard to be awarded as a Defense Manufacturing Community! The awarding of this sought after designation will support manufacturers both large and small and thousands of a hard Ohio workers! This is a testament to our state’s proud manufacturing legacy.”

–Dennis P. Saunier, President and CEO, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce



Cleaning Technologies Group

“Cleaning Technologies Group is very excited that the State of Ohio has been designated as a Defense Manufacturing Community. We will be working with defense manufacturing businesses to improve the quality and performance of their products through advance cleaning technologies and applications. This will help to ensure that the U.S. Department of Defense is provided with the premium products and services it demands to protect this great nation of people.”

–Barney Bosse, CEO, Cleaning Technologies Group



Colonial Surface Solutions

“Colonial Surface Solutions is extremely excited for the possibilities and opportunities this designation will mean for Ohio and our company. As a small, woman-owned business currently working with the D.O.D., this will ensure our continued small business growth, while adding additional employees that comes with new business opportunities. We see this as a win-win for both Ohio and Colonial!”

–Patricia Langhals, Owner, President, Colonial Surface Solutions



Columbia Chemical Corporation

“As a global specialty chemistry manufacturer within the surface finishing industry, we recognize the importance of this exciting designation for Ohio. We are a limited supplier to the DoD on a small level, but we believe strongly in the benefits manufacturers like ours can offer the DoD, such as innovation, cost effectiveness, quality, and reliability. Corrosion protection is a critical component for our nation’s defense equipment, and we’re excited for this opportunity to speak directly to the DoD and OEMs and explore further business opportunities.

–Brett Larick, President, Columbia Chemical Corporation



Dayton Development Coalition

“Ohio’s designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community recognizes what we in the Dayton Region have known for decades: There is no better place for our country’s defense manufacturers to establish and grow their operations. Ohio’s manufacturing ecosystem combines a unique, diverse mix of private industry, educational partners, and a dedicated, skilled workforce. When you combine this with Ohio’s strong business climate, the state’s support for our defense installations and the innovative research and development done at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio’s leadership role is clear. We look forward to working with this group of incredible partners to support our national defense and ensure our military has the resources they need into the future.”

–Jeff Hoagland, President and CEO, Dayton Development Coalition



Dayton Region Manufacturers Association

“DRMA represents over 200 manufacturer member companies across the Dayton Region; we’re excited about this designation as it will bring opportunities to further strengthen our region’s robust manufacturing industry.”

*–Angelia Erbaugh, President,
Dayton Region Manufacturers Association*



Ebner Furnaces Inc.

“Thank you for the opportunity to give voice to NEO manufacturers and congratulations on the Defense Manufacturing award! Combining the best aspects of Ohio’s defense manufacturing companies with the needs and requirements of the DoD is an idea that just makes sense. Ohio has some of the nation’s best institutions, from America Makes to NASA Glenn Research Center to Ohio State University. Weaving them all together to form one united Defense Manufacturing Community will tangibly enhance our nation’s defense capabilities. We are proud to participate and contribute to this new partnership and can’t wait to get started on this exciting project!”

–Herbert Gabriel, Managing Director, Ebner Furnaces Inc.



Enerfab and Brighton Tru-Edge

"Ohio winning this designation means that technology and productivity advancement will prosper in Ohio providing opportunities for Enerfab as well as many other businesses and enhancing our ability to attract talent investment in employee development initiatives."

–Scott Anderson, President, HBH Holdings, Inc.



Fastlane

“FastLane is proud that Ohio has received the designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community. As the third largest manufacturing state and with Wright Patterson Air Force Base in our region, the defense supply chain is vital to our economy. Advancing the technologies used in manufacturing and providing critical training to elevate employee aptitudes to support the manufacturers will ensure a bright future for Ohio and further support for national defense. As the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) for west central Ohio, FastLane is honored to be a key resource for the Defense Manufacturing Community, and we are eager to help more companies adopt Industry 4.0 technologies.”

–Philip Ratermann, Director, FastLane



GDI Partners, LLC

“GDI Partners believes this designation from the Office of Economic Adjustment opens a multitude of opportunities for us and the innovators that participate in our TRIAD program. TRIAD helps companies with defense-related technology to communicate with the DoD and put solutions in the hands of the Warfighter. Although those new connections can lead to a funding or acquisition opportunity for our companies, the ability of small defense manufacturers to deliver may require expertise that they don’t have. With the formation of the Ohio Defense Manufacturing Community, our companies will have access to a valuable resource that will help them increase their capabilities, grow their business, and contribute to national security. GDI congratulates the Ohio Development Services Agency on this achievement and looks forward to continuing to work together to build a stronger Ohio and a safer America.

–Lisa Delp and Tracy Boettinger, Founders, GDI Partners LLC



Greater Akron Chamber

“Small manufacturing has historically been – and continues to be – a vital component of our region’s economy. The Defense Manufacturing Community designation will provide our companies with additional exposure, opportunities, and resources. It is important for the State of Ohio to leverage available resources in support of our manufacturing community; this recognition acknowledges our collective efforts.”

*–Gregg Cramer, Vice President for Economic Development,
Greater Akron Chamber*



Haltec Corporation

“We are thrilled to be in the Defense Manufacturing Community. We currently supply DSCC a variety of parts for wheeled vehicles in the U.S. armed services fleet. We also supply many OE truck builders of military vehicles, including Oshkosh, Caterpillar, and Navistar, to name a few. We are currently working on supplying several new additional items to the U.S. government.

–Dave Caruso, Vice President, Haltec Corporation



Helix Linear Technologies

“As a small manufacturer, it can be difficult to know what technologies to adopt and when to adopt them. We look forward to engaging with the Defense Manufacturing Community Partners to help our business grow.”

–Susan Nash, CFO/COO, Helix Linear Technologies



IoT Diagnostics

“We are proud of the technological advancements Ohio companies are bringing to the local manufacturing ecosystem and excited to have our state designated as a Defense Manufacturing Community. We stand ready to lead this community into the next Industrial Revolution.”

–Jeremy M. Drury, President, IoT Diagnostics

JobsOhio



“The designation of Ohio as a Defense Manufacturing Community confirms this state’s long-established foundation of defense manufacturing strength and the innovation we continue to drive. The merit of our Defense Manufacturing Community proposition speaks to the Ohio’s collaborative environment, which connects businesses, public entities, educators, and our defense installations to ensure Ohioans are working together to produce what is needed to protect this nation.”

- J.P. Nauseef, President and CEO, JobsOhio



Kapco

“We are very proud of the state of Ohio for earning the Defense Manufacturing Community designation. We are eager to participate in this opportunity in order to grow our region and our company.”

-Elie Merheb, President & CEO, Kapco – Kent Adhesive Products

kinetic vision

Kinetic Vision

“As developer and integrator of advanced technologies, Kinetic Vision is excited to be part of Ohio’s diverse and vibrant manufacturing infrastructure. The designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community will supercharge Ohio’s Industry 4.0 and 5.0 initiatives and capitalize on our state’s position in Smart Manufacturing. This will mean more high tech manufacturing jobs in Ohio and faster adoption of these smart technologies for defense manufacturing.”

–Jeremy Jarrett, Executive Vice President, Kinetic Vision



Lincoln Electric

“We’re very proud of the State of Ohio for winning this designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community. This will allow for increased investment creating a more vibrant manufacturing community across our entire state. This is a milestone to be celebrated.”

–Douglas Lance, Senior Vice President, Lincoln Electric



Lorain County Community College

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“Ohio’s designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community serves as a strong recognition of our state’s strength in advanced manufacturing and creates an exciting opportunity to strategically align and strengthen these assets as new technologies and processes emerge. Lorain County Community College is proud to be a partner in this project, both in our institutional work and in our facilitation of Ohio TechNet, a consortium of 30 public institutions of higher education across the state. LCCC and our Ohio TechNet partners proudly support this designation and look forward to ensuring that Ohio’s workforce remains a key competitive advantage.”

Marcia Ballinger, Ph.D., President, Lorain County Community College



M-7 Technologies

“It is extremely exciting to receive this new designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community, in that it recognizes the advanced capabilities of manufacturing in the great State of Ohio. In addition, it provides small manufacturing firms the help needed to obtain the 21st century digital skillsets necessary to participate in rapidly advancing Industry 4.0 activities. This is another important step to maintain Ohio’s global leadership role in digital manufacturing.”

–Michael Garvey, President and CEO, M-7 Technologies



Mace Security International, Inc.

"We know that small manufacturers are challenged by Industry 4.0 technologies and workforce training. This Defense Manufacturing Community designation will help our community and companies address both."

–Sanjay Singh, Executive Chairman, Mace Security International, Inc.



MAGNET

"There is a technological revolution happening quietly each day in the thousands of manufacturers of Ohio. Industry 4.0, smart manufacturing, robotics, 3D printing – all of these new technologies can be used to accelerate production to new levels. But not enough companies use these tools and not enough people are trained yet to use these tools. The Defense Manufacturing Communities designation will enable one of our most important supply chains, defense manufacturers, to be the best in the world in those products that keep us safe and secure in the U.S. Collaboration across so many networks enables this community, and we will lead the country in showing how working together can strengthen the economy."

–Ethan Karp, President and CEO, MAGNET



Montville Plastics & Rubber

“As a small manufacturer, we have limited resources. The Defense Manufacturing Community will give us the support we need to overcome challenges and allow us to continue to focus on growth.”

–Tracie Roberts, Vice President, Montville Plastics & Rubber



Nordson Corporation

“We’re very proud of the State of Ohio for winning this designation. It will mean a more vibrant manufacturing community for our entire state and builds on the tremendous impact of statewide initiatives like the Sector Partnerships and Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19.”

*–Stephen Lovass, Executive Vice President,
Strategy & Corporate Development, Nordson Corporation*



Ohio Aerospace Institute

“Ohio’s industry recognition as a leading Defense Manufacturing Community will enhance Ohio aerospace clout and allow U.S. production of parts and systems, ensuring a secure supply chain and robust workforce. Technical assistance and workforce training for small and mid-sized defense manufacturers means long-term investments in Ohio workers’ critical skills, facilities, research, and development.”

–John M. Sankovic, CEO and President of Ohio Aerospace Institute



OHIO CYBER RANGE INSTITUTE

**UNLOCKING POTENTIAL,
SECURING THE FUTURE**

Ohio Cyber Range Institute

“We at the Ohio Cyber Range Institute are thrilled to learn that the state of Ohio has been designated as a Defense Manufacturing Community by the U.S. Department of Defense. This designation will support the efforts of the Range throughout the state as we strive to educate and train our community in cybersecurity relations.”

–Richard Harknett, PhD, OCRI Co-Director and Head of the Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati



Ohio Manufacturers' Association

"Representing more than 1,200 manufacturers statewide, the OMA is excited to continue to expand our partnership with the Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership and Ohio Development Services Agency in support of new resources directed to defense manufacturers. We are proud that the Buckeye State has been designated as a Defense Manufacturing Community."

–Eric L. Burkland, President, The Ohio Manufacturers' Association



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Ohio State University

"The Ohio State University Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence (CDME), Ohio Manufacturing Institute (OMI), and Institute for Materials Research (IMR) are honored to play a role in Ohio's defense manufacturing community. The U.S. Department of Defense is enhancing our nation's security by investing in Ohio's world-class manufacturing capabilities. The designation of Ohio as a Defense Manufacturing Community solidifies this bond and enables Ohio to create a more streamlined connection between manufacturers and small businesses."

–Nate Ames, CDME Executive Director

–Kathryn Kelley, OMI Director

–Ned Hill, Professor of Economic Development

–Jay Sayre, IMR Director of Innovation

The Ohio State University



Physna, Inc.

“As a proud Ohio company, we are building 3D geometric deep learning technology. This investment in Ohio will help companies like ours to develop national security technologies that position Ohio as a strong defense manufacturing community well into the future.”

–Paul Powers, CEO and Co-Founder of Physna, Inc.



Portage Development Board

“We’ve seen the tremendous impact of statewide initiatives like the Sector Partnerships and Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19. The groundwork for a successful Defense Manufacturing Community has been laid, and we’re excited to participate.”

Brad Ehrhart, President, Portage Development Board



Q-Lab Corporation

“We’re thrilled that the State of Ohio’s application to be named a Defense Manufacturing Community has been accepted. Small to medium-sized manufacturers like our company will surely benefit from this designation, in ways that we are only beginning to imagine. Small manufacturers like ours offer the DoD innovation, reliability, and quality, but we haven’t yet been able to diversify into defense manufacturing. We’re excited for this opportunity to speak directly to the DoD and OEMs and explore this new business opportunity.”

–Brad Reis, Chief Operating Officer, Q-Lab Corporation



REDI Cincinnati

“Ohio’s designation as one of only six Defense Manufacturing Communities in the country reinforces the important role that we play in supporting our country’s military capabilities. This designation will support the development of workforce and businesses in the Cincinnati region as we continue to be a leading force in aerospace innovation.”

–Kimm Lauterbach, President & CEO, REDI Cincinnati



Stark Economic Development Board

“The new designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community is exciting and a great opportunity to further capitalize on our manufacturing expertise and the skilled workforce we are blessed to have in Ohio!”

–Ray Hexamer, CEO, Stark Economic Development Board



Task Force LIMA

“The opportunity for Ohio to be designated as a Defense Manufacturing Community recognizes the human, physical, and organization assets and capabilities that Ohio has marshalled in the nation’s defense for decades. The designation also is a call to act strategically and cooperatively to further the development of manufacturing systems and skillsets for the next generation. Task Force LIMA congratulates the state of Ohio for its proactive efforts and pledges engagement in these endeavors.”

–Mayor David J. Berger, City of Lima, Co-chair of Task Force LIMA



Team NEO

“Defense supply chains are a major part of the Northeast Ohio economy. It is our strategy as a region to upgrade the technical capabilities, especially in Industry 4.0, of all of our manufacturing base, especially small and medium manufacturers. We are excited about the collaborative opportunities to help more companies adopt this technology and strengthen our defense companies.”

–Bill Koehler, CEO, Team NEO



TechSolve, Inc.

“Ohio’s recognition as a Defense Manufacturing Community will allow TechSolve’s team of experts in IIoT, Cybersecurity, Advanced Manufacturing, and Process Improvement to significantly increase the amount of Industry 4.0 manufacturing technical assistance and workforce training for small and mid-sized defense manufacturers who are mission-critical to the warfighter and the United States Defense Industrial Base.”

–David Linger, President and CEO, TechSolve, Inc.



TIFFIN-SENECA

ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership

"We are excited to see this statewide designation. Supporting our defense efforts both protects democracy and stimulates the economy. We believe this will open up additional opportunities for our state, region, and local community."

–David R. Zak, President and CEO, Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership



Timken Steel

"Winning this designation for the state of Ohio will help foster and accelerate a thriving manufacturing community for our entire state."

–Carolee C. Vanicek, Vice President of Manufacturing, Timken Steel



Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

“The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased that Ohio received the designation of being a Defense Manufacturing Community. The Toledo region has a long connection to the military, and manufacturing is one of our most important industries. This designation will help to enhance opportunities for our manufacturers and make sure that they have the talented workforce necessary to be successful.”

–*Brian Dicken, Vice President, Advocacy & Public Policy,
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce*



**YOUNGSTOWN
STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Youngstown State University

“The Ohio Defense Manufacturing Community, one of six designations throughout the United States, is a great opportunity for Ohio. Northeast Ohio companies involved in the Defense Industrial Base play a key role in evolving additive manufacturing capabilities within the aerospace and ground vehicle clusters. The ODMC will undoubtedly help to strengthen this role of companies in our area as national security policies adapt to meet cybersecurity and supply chain threats. Furthermore, the ODMC’s support could bolster SBIR/STTR efforts of Ohio companies. The Procurement Technical Assistance Center at YSU stands ready to assist companies both new to and involved in the Defense Industrial Base.”

–*Jim Tressel, President, Youngstown State University*