

Manufacturing Extension Program**FY2009 Request: \$806,401****Reference No: AMD 40242****AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Development**Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling
Recipient: Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc.**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Sam Thomas**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013**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 and strong communities by providing economic growth in the communities it serves.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Gen Fund	\$806,401						\$806,401
Total:	\$806,401	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$806,401

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

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Refer to the funding matrix in the detailed description.

Project Description/Justification:

This amendment removes federal funding from the request because it will be provided directly to the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. through a grant. The amendment still provides the required State match.

The Manufacturing Extension Program (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 throughout Alaska will improve the economy with increased jobs, sales, training, and equipment investments.

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This request will be awarded as a grant to Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. and is being used as a match (State's contribution) to the federal grants that have or will be awarded to Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc.

Requested general funds will be used to provide the one-to-one match required of the federal agency providing a federal grant directly to the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc.

Funding History

Year	Amount		Legislation
FY 2006	1,600,000		FSSLA 05 Ch 3 Page 103 Line 22
FY 2007	2,681,612		SLA 06 Ch 82 Page 3 Line 32
FY 2008	1,612,802		SLA 07Ch 30 Page 84 Line 33