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**Purpose:** The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a nationwide network of not-for-profit Centers in multiple locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, whose purpose is to provide small and medium sized manufacturers with the help they need to succeed in today's competitive world. Each Center works directly with area manufacturers to provide expertise and services tailored to their most critical needs.

**Routine Uses:** This information will include quantified impacts on a client's sales, cost savings, employment, and investment. These figures will be used to determine the effectiveness of the project work done by the Center, and to gauge the overall success of the NIST MEP program. Collection of this data is mission-critical and is used for NIST MEPs Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirements.

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As you respond, please keep these projects in mind. Ongoing or recently closed projects may not be listed. Please keep those in mind as well.

Project	Our Project Manager(s)	Other Service Provider (if any)	Project Completion Date
Project Title 1	CAR Staff Name 1	3rd Party Staff Organization 1	MM-DD-YYYY 1
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What were the two most important factors for your firm choosing to work with the [Manufacturers Resource Center]?

- Center/staff Expertise
- Cost/price of services
- Fair and unbiased advice/services
- Reputation for results
- Knowledge of your industry
- Specific services not available from other providers
- Lack of other providers nearby
- Other (specify):
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In addition to [Manufacturers Resource Center], has your company used any other external resources/providers to address business performance issues over the past 12 months?

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As you look forward over the next 3 years, what do you see as your company's *three* most important strategic challenges?

Product innovation/development  
 Identifying growth opportunities  
 Ongoing continuous improvement/cost reduction strategies  
 Employee recruitment and retention  
 Financing  
 Exporting/Global engagement  
 Sustainability in products and processes  
 Managing partners and suppliers  
 Technology needs  
 Other (specify):   
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Did the services you received directly lead to an increase in sales at your establishment over the past 12 months?

Yes. How much? \$  Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.

No

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Over the past 12 months, did the services you received directly lead you to retain sales that would have otherwise been lost?

Yes. How much? \$  Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.

No

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Did the services you received directly lead you to create any jobs over the past 12 months?

- Yes. How many?  Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.
- No
- Don't Know

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Did the services you received lead you to retain any jobs over the past 12 months?

- Yes. How many?  Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.
- No
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Did the services you received directly result in cost savings in labor, materials, energy, overhead, or other areas over what would otherwise have been spent in the past 12 months?

Yes. How much? \$  *Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.*

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In the following questions you will be asked about several different types of investments you may have made as a result of the services you received. The areas of investment are: New products or processes, plant or equipment, information systems or software, workforce practices or employee skills, and other areas of business.

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As a result of the services you received, has your establishment increased its investment over the past 12 months in new products or processes?

Yes. How much? \$  *Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.*

No

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As a result of the services you received, has your establishment increased its investment over the past 12 months in plant or equipment?

Yes. How much? \$  *Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.*

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As a result of the services you received, has your establishment increased its investment over the past 12 months in information systems or software?

Yes. How much? \$  *Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.*

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As a result of the services you received, has your establishment increased its investment over the past 12 months in workforce practices or employee skills?

Yes. How much? \$  *Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.*

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As a result of the services you received, has your establishment increased its investment over the past 12 months in other areas of business?

Yes. How much? \$  *Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.*

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As a result of the services you received, did your establishment avoid any unnecessary investments or save on any investments in the past 12 months?

Yes. How much was saved/avoided? \$  *Please enter whole numbers only. Decimals will not be accepted.*

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Based on the benefits that resulted from the services provided, how likely would you be to recommend [Manufacturers Resource Center] to other companies, assuming they are not direct competitors?

Not at all Likely      Very Likely

0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   Don't Know

                                  

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If you did not give a score of "10" what one thing could the [Manufacturers Resource Center] have done to improve their score?

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Do you have any suggestions or comments for the Center?

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All you need to do now is review your responses listed below. To modify your answers simply click on the BACK button. After you have reviewed your answers, click on the SUBMIT button. Once you submit your answers, they are considered FINAL and cannot be modified.

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What is your job title? [Sample](#)  
What is your name? [Test Subject](#)

What were the two most important factors for your firm choosing to work with the [Manufacturers Resource Center]?

- Center/staff Expertise
- Cost/price of services
- Fair and unbiased advice/services
- Reputation for results
- Knowledge of your industry
- Specific services not available from other providers
- Lack of other providers nearby
- Other (specify):
- Don't Know

In addition to [Manufacturers Resource Center], has your company used any other external resources/providers to address business performance issues over the past 12 months?

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You have now submitted your responses and your survey is complete. Please print this survey for your records.

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What is your job title? **Sample**  
What is your name? **Test Subject**

What were the *two* most important factors for your firm choosing to work with the [Manufacturers Resource Center]?

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- Specific services not available from other providers
- Lack of other providers nearby**
- Other (specify):
- Don't Know

In addition to [Manufacturers Resource Center], has your company used any other external resources/providers to address business performance issues over the past 12 months?

- Yes
- No