Manufacturing Ecosystem

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Manufacturing Ecosystems involve a broad coalition of partners from industry, economic development, workforce development, education, government, and philanthropy; through this diversity of expertise, communities will increase the degree to which high growth sectors and new emerging markets are developed and strengthened in the region.

There are several key enablers for a manufacturing community, including: Workforce and Training; Supplier Networks; Research and Innovation; Infrastructure Site Development; Trade and International Investment; Operational Excellence; and Access to Capital. Assets in these areas represent anchors for your economy and provide the necessary underpinning for growth and renewal.

A cohesive and integrated plan to enable the ecosystem includes specific objectives and targeted investments, such as:

* Improving collaboration between academia, industry, and research institutions will involve project development, commercialization, and workforce development;
* Improving the degree to which suppliers are meeting the needs of the end markets and are able to diversify into targeted emerging market opportunities
* Developing capital programs aimed at addressing underserved markets;
* Promoting the region internationally as an attractive place for businesses (improved regional infrastructure; continued build-up and identification of new export opportunities; identifying and supporting regional export assets/resources); and
* Connecting regional manufacturers to resources and opportunities in the region, including: effective and efficient suppliers, additional customers, a qualified workforce, and access to resources that can help them become more efficient and grow.