Mississippi Reshoring Summit
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InnovateMEP Mississippi

• A Non-profit Line of Business of Innovate Mississippi, and

• A NIST-MEP Center
Introduction of Ben Vickery

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About InnovateMEP

• Key focus on small and medium-sized manufacturers.

• Part of a nation-wide network of 60 MEP Centers affiliated with NIST-MEP in the Department of Commerce.

• Customer relationships and services provided through our five InnovateMEP University and Community College Centers, InnovateMEP Headquarters, and third-party resources.

• Revenue is generated by client fees, federal, state and local funds.
Our InnovateMEP Centers

- **3 Community College Centers**—6 Community Colleges
  - *InnovateMEP* Center at Itawamba Community College (ICC).
  - *InnovateMEP* Center at the MS Corridor Consortium (EMCC, ICC, NECC, NWCC, CCC).
  - *InnovateMEP* Center at MS Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC).

- **2 University Centers**
  - *InnovateMEP* Center at MSU Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems Extension (MSU-CAVS-E).
  - *InnovateMEP* Center at USM Mississippi Polymer Institute (USM-MPI).
InnovateMEP Centers and Project Map -- 2013
InnovateMEP Mississippi Strategic Initiatives

- Reshoring and Supplier Development
- E3: Economy, Energy, and Environment
- Innovation Deployment
InnovateMEP Innovation and Supplier Development Collaboratory

Connecting Regional Supply Chains
- Cross-match
- Opportunity referrals
- OEM listening sessions
- Reshoring Tiger teams
- Reshoring Summit
- Supplier scouting

Assisting SMEs
- Innovation Engineering
- Mississippi E3
- OEM & supplier training
- Export assistance
- Strategic planning
- Project referrals

Federal partners (USDOC-EAC, EPA)

State partners (MDA, MDEQ)
U.S. Dinnerware Bacon Bowl Project

U.S. Dinnerware

As the flagship of the United States Dinnerware product line, Prolon™ provides a superior quality dinnerware product at a competitive price and providing the highest level of service throughout the fulfillment process. In addition, the company also provides the Department of Defense with large quantities of American-made dinnerware. Some of U.S. Dinnerware’s customers include Camp Pendleton, Pensacola Naval Air Station, the US Naval Academy and the US Marine bases in the Southwest. Additionally, U.S. Dinnerware has worked on manufacturing the Bacon Bowl. The typical lead-time for a United States Dinnerware job order is 30 days and U.S. Dinnerware is proud to be Made in the USA!

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U.S. Dinnerware and the MEP system:

InnovateMEP Mississippi connected with U.S. Dinnerware after Milton Chambers, Claiborne County Economic Development Director made Mississippi’s economic development community aware of their incredible American-Made product line. We were able to work with them alongside Mississippi State University CAVS and University of Southern Mississippi Polymer Center on some supply chain opportunities that have resulted in product line expansion, job creation, business growth and exporting opportunities. – Bubba Weir, InnovateMEP Mississippi

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E3: Economy, Energy (CHP Emphasis), Environment

- Collaborative effort of federal and state agencies, local communities, universities and community colleges, utilities, industry, other stakeholders.
- Assessments completed with:
  - Flexsteel
  - Cooper Tire Clarksdale
  - McNeely Plastics
  - Systems Electro Coatings (SEC)
Innovation Deployment

InnovateMEP offers a range of services to assist manufacturers with innovation:

- Product ideation
- Idea refinement
- Product development projects
- Product design assistance
- Production planning and roll-out
InnovateMEP / Innovate Mississippi / MDA

Innovation Team

• Dr. Joe Jordan, Innovation Practice Manager, InnovateMEP Mississippi.
• Bubba Weir, Vice-President for Existing Business and Resources Development and Innovation Engineering Black Belt, Innovate Mississippi.
• Will Moody, Innovation Engineer and Innovation Engineering Black Belt, Mississippi Development Authority.
• Steve Puryear, Transportation and Financial Analyst and Innovation Engineering Black Belt, InnovateMEP Center at MSU-CAVS-E.
• Ty Posey, Technical Services and Workforce Development Leader, InnovateMEP Center at USM-MPI.
• Dr. Jay Tice, Vice-President of Innovate Mississippi and Director, InnovateMEP Mississippi.
Why Innovation is Important to InnovateMEP

To help Mississippi companies, particularly manufacturers grow by developing new markets, customers, processes, products and services.
Introduction

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