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David Goodman  
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Subject: MEP Letter of Intent for the Southeast Region

Dear Mr. Goodman:

The Ohio State University's Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence (CDME) is pleased to submit this letter of intent to submit a proposal which provides support to both sections of the Southeast region of Ohio in response to the Ohio Development Services Agency's Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program's request for proposals. As you are aware, CDME is currently providing MEP services under the existing program. While we are a newer MEP affiliate, we have created a significant impact for small and medium sized businesses in our first year of operation and believe we could positively impact the Southeast Region of the state by leveraging our existing program.

MEP@CDME has access to the resources, facilities and human capital of the entire Ohio State infrastructure. This includes the Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence, the Center for Operational Excellence, National Center for the Middle Market, the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Ohio Manufacturing Institute, the and others. Additionally, CDME has an ongoing relationship with the Ohio University Innovation Center and relevant regional economic development groups in the Southeast Region of the State. MEP@CDME has developed a comprehensive network of proactive affiliate partners who provide value-added services or products for SMMEs which will be leveraged for this program. These cumulative resources will provide a unique capability, previously unavailable, to SMMEs throughout the Southeast region and remove many of their barriers for growth. We look forward to submitting a comprehensive and value-adding proposal for your review.

Sincerely,

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