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Susan Foltz
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Re: Letter of Intent – MEP Southeast Region Program Years 2018-2021

Lead Applicant: The Ohio State University South Centers
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Proposed Partners of the OSU South Centers includes The Ohio State University, Ohio Small Business Development Center, The Ohio Cooperative Development Center, Southern Ohio Port Authority, local Universities, Economic Development Agencies and Chamber of Commerce Offices throughout the region.

The OSU South Centers requests an estimated:

- \$176,322 in federal funds
- \$264,483 in state funds

The estimated cash cost share expected to be generated will be \$110,201 and anticipated donated services include facilities, classrooms, offices, and meeting space with partner organizations.

The OSU South Centers is working to increase assistance to small and mid-sized manufacturing businesses located in the Southeast Ohio Subregion 1 (Adams, Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Scioto, Vinton and Washington). Through training programs, projects, and one-on-one meetings, this program will work with manufacturers to increase new products/service offerings, maintain current and expand into new markets, both domestically and globally, and incorporate new technologies.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mapes
Program Leader
OSU South Centers Business Development Network