

Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership – SB 482

What does SB 482 do?

The bill creates the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership Advisory Committee (PNMP). The PNMP Advisory Committee will sit within Business Oregon, and the department will have staff focused on facilitating regional collaboration among the manufacturing sector, relevant education and research organizations, and the public sector. The Partnership will unify efforts to grow Oregon's manufacturing businesses, identify needs and help fill them by leveraging the regions resources and strengths. The Partnership would be required to report to the legislature annually on its activities and progress.

Background

The idea for PNMP was formed in response to a federal initiative. The Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) aims to accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing in the U.S. and is designed to revolutionize the way federal agencies leverage economic development funds. Through the IMCP and the Economic Development Administration, the federal government is rewarding best practices that will strengthen a community's competitive edge for attracting global manufacturer and supply chain investments and coordinating federal aid by synchronizing grant programs across multiple departments and agencies.

PNMP is submitting an application for federal designation as a manufacturing community in April 2015 in accordance with the IMCP program's requirements and geographical limitations.

What is the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership?

The Partnership is a bi-state alliance including SW Washington, and the Willamette Valley and Columbia River Corridors. Individual members include cities, counties, community colleges, universities, research institutes, and multiple economic development and workforce organizations.

Together these organizations are part of the manufacturing business ecosystem that is working to support the regional manufacturing sector.

