Hello,

I wanted to reach out and introduce you to a new program that I am excited to be a part of. The Ohio State University’s Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence (CDME). CDME is an applied engineering and commercialization center established by the College of Engineering within The Ohio State University to provide support to manufacturing companies in the State of Ohio. CDME provides industry partners with a simple, expeditious vehicle to access the technical assets of the university and surrounding research community.

CDME was recently awarded a contract from the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technologies (NIST) to support the growth of small (less than 25 employees) and medium (less than 800 employees) sized manufacturing companies in the southeast region of Ohio. The contract establishes CDME as a Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) affiliate for the State of Ohio in support of Ohio companies. Your company has been identified as being qualified to participate in the MEP program.
CDME has a full-time engineering staff and is led by a team of former entrepreneurs and business owners who have successfully grown manufacturing and product innovation companies. The CDME MEP program has access to CDME’s 40,000 square foot manufacturing space on the Columbus campus, as well as most of the equipment in the broader Ohio State University landscape.

Additionally, the CDME MEP program has developed a large external partner network, which includes Miba Sinter Group, ProFusion Industries, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, and Rev1 Ventures, to assist in the sustained growth of your business.

CDME MEP is primarily focused on new product development, product improvement, innovation, business development, lean manufacturing, and supply chain management.

We are here to assist companies in the central and southeast Ohio regions in the following manner:

- Providing value-added engineering support for product development and innovation with an emphasis on design for manufacturing.
- Commercialization support and partner opportunities with commercial OEMs.
- Professional program management and industry-friendly contracts.
- Proposal identification and development support for federal, state and commercial funding programs.
- Access to the research capabilities and facilities of The Ohio State University and other State of Ohio research universities and federal laboratories.
- Introduction to support partners in the CDME network (incubators, venture capital, supply chain partners, fortune 100 OEMS, etc).
- Prototyping and small scale manufacturing of new products.
- Access to highly motivated students with experiential learning looking to join innovative manufacturing companies upon graduation.

An overview of the CDME MEP program can be found here.
Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or to visit the center. We will be sending out a regular newsletter containing relevant content, upcoming events and partner advisory forums. We hope you find this information useful and welcome your feedback moving forward.

Cheers!
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