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VIAA Manufacturing Recovery & Improvement Program

PROGRAM

Virginia's Industrial Advancement Alliance is partnering with the Manufacturing Technology Center, and Wytheville Community College to provide operation evaluations for small and mid-size manufacturing companies located in the counties of Wythe, Smyth, Grayson, Carroll, Bland and the City of Galax. These evaluations include metrics that will address the threat of COVID-19 by providing insight and recommendations on how to respond and protect against this and any future pandemic. Additional recommendations will be provided to improve operation efficiency, energy usage, and sustainability. Examples of recommendations may relate to assembly line/workspace reconfiguration, PPE protocols, touchless system installations, physical barriers, and efficiency & systems improvements. Results of the assessment are shared only with the client. No violations of any kind are reported.

WHAT IS THIS EFFORT?

- A partnership initiative funded by a GO Virginia Economic Resilience & Recovery Grant, to improve the safety and operations of our region's manufacturing companies
- Professional consultant evaluation of your business operation with a focus on health, safety, efficiencies, and sustainability
- Outcomes will be operational improvement and mitigation of future infectious disease spread and impact

WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED?

- VIAA Business Retention & Expansion Specialist will visit location and discuss program criteria
- Consultants with the Manufacturing Technology Center or GENEDGE will provide on-site evaluations at **NO COST**
- Site visit and reports provided to your company at **NO COST**
- Reports include recommendations for: COVID-19 or infectious disease mitigation, operation & energy efficiencies

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Small and mid-size Manufacturing Companies
- Operations with facilities located in the Counties of Wythe, Smyth, Bland, Grayson, Carroll and City of Galax

GOALS?

- Strengthen region's small and mid-size manufacturing operations
- Mitigate impact of infectious diseases within facilities

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

- Contact Jake Tabor, Business Retention & Expansion Specialist, at jtabor@viaalliance.org for more information

