Manufacturing Technical Assistance Production Program

The Air Force Office of Small Business Programs established the Manufacturing Technical Assistance Production Program (MTAPP) to assist in increasing and enhancing the competitiveness of small manufacturing firms in support of the Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD) and their major prime contractors.

Managed by the Air Force Small Business Solutions Center, MTAPP first assesses participating small manufacturing firms' capabilities to provide services and then provides individualized technical assistance with the goal of addressing capabilities gaps and improving their ability to meet requirements. Participation is by invitation or nomination and is based on research which identifies Air Force, DoD and prime contractor supply difficulties with certain commodities or services.
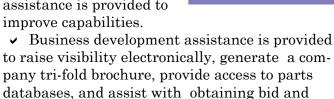
✔ Manufacturing and operation assistance is provided to adapt lean manufacturing principles.
✔ Business, managerial and organizational assistance is provided to improve capabilities.
✔ Business development assistance is provided to raise visibility electronically, generate a company tri-fold brochure, provide access to parts databases, and assist with obtaining bid and Request for Proposal announcements.

Phase II : Graduate Companies

✔ Continued technical assistance through the MTAPP help desk assistance center
✔ Networking relationship with other MTAPP and alumni companies
✔ Alumni mentoring/partnering through MTAPP and its activities

Program Benefits

For the government:
✔ Provides a capable supplier network for shortage commodities and a strengthened U.S. manufacturing sector

For participating businesses:
✔ Free technical assistance
✔ Ability to network
✔ Access to training
✔ Increased visibility

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Phase I : Technical Assistance

✔ Participants undergo a Comprehensive Assessment Process to identify areas for improvement or gaps in competencies.
✔ A Continuous Improvement Plan is developed to identify training or technical assistance needs.

For more information about MTAPP, go to www.selltoairforce.org and select from the Programs menu tab.