

## Partnerships

Great Plains TMC partners provide connectivity, skills, expertise and business development support. These partnerships further business growth by:

- *Increasing awareness of available resources and expertise*
- *Providing direct technical and business assistance*
- *Linking and leveraging local and regional opportunities to advance the cluster and its members*

## Core Partners:



## Hosted By:



Technology  
Development Institute

## Free Membership Benefits

- *Access to cluster-specific insights and current events*
- *Access to emerging technology trends that can impact your business*
- *Links to cluster specific assets and analytics*
- *Direct access to partner sites and information*
- *First-Look at upcoming workshops and events with registration links*
- *View innovative and informational news from our partners*

Our goal is to provide members with access to knowledge, insights and connections that can impact the growth of technology and/or manufacturing ventures across the region.

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**GREATPLAINS**  
TECHNOLOGY & MANUFACTURING  
CLUSTER

Assisting manufacturers and technology entrepreneurs across the Great Plains to connect and engage technology and business resources to develop, launch and grow new products and businesses.



# About Us

The Great Plains Technology and Manufacturing Cluster (Great Plains TMC) was established to assist manufacturing and technology development companies in accessing resources to drive innovation, expand markets, solve problems and help grow the region's prosperity.

In addition to providing technical and business assistance services to individual entrepreneurs and manufacturing companies, the Great Plains TMC identifies shared issues and develops innovative solutions that benefit multiple companies simultaneously.

Through the building of public-private partnerships the Great Plains TMC serves as an information and networking hub to promote business formation and expansion while fostering innovation, commercialization, business acceleration, mentorship and workforce development.

The Great Plains TMC is among a portfolio of Regional Innovation Cluster (RIC) initiatives sponsored by the Small Business Administration (SBA).



# Services

Whether it's assisting one member at a time or working with aggregated members on shared issues, the Great Plains TMC partner organizations are committed to assisting members to advance technologies, people and companies through a wide range of partner services.

## Engineering and Technology

Engineering and technology resources:

- Product design and development
- Design verification
- Prototyping
- Custom automation design and build

## Workforce Development

Collaborate with workforce development providers to:

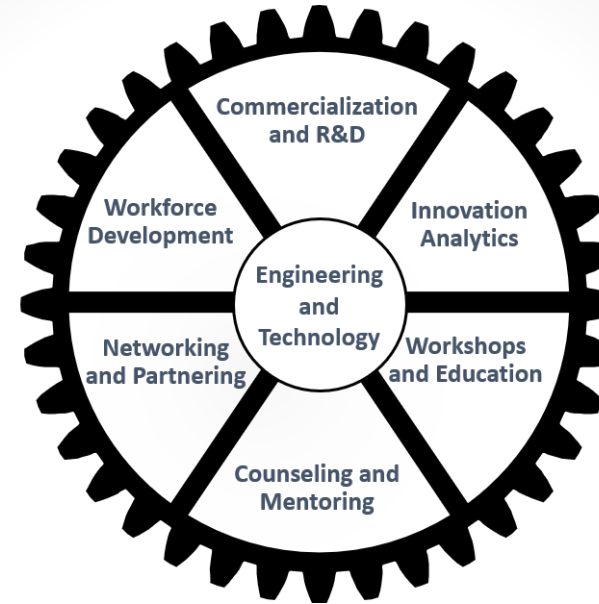
- Identify skills gaps
- Co-develop training content
- Deliver the most appropriate format based on the needs of cluster members

## Networking and Strategic

### Partnering

Strategically connect in innovative ways to:

- Cultivate networks
- Access providers, expertise, capital and talent
- Advance cluster prosperity and regional competitive advantage



## Commercialization and R&D

Identify resources to assist in:

- Market research
- Venture planning
- Intellectual property
- Development of market launch plans

## Innovation Analytics

Utilize commercial and proprietary data sources to:

- Map cluster assets and connectivity
- Identify potential business development opportunities
- Leverage and identify gaps in the region

## Workshops and Education

Engage with training and education providers to:

- Identify, design, promote and execute public and company-specific workshops
- Meet the region's knowledge and skill needs.
- Develop an understanding of industry trends

## Counseling and Mentoring

Engage experienced industry professionals for:

- Counseling on technical base projects
- Mentorship and guidance for innovative success