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UDRI’s FASTLANE Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program and NASA Glenn Experts Team Up to Help Dayton Manufacturing Companies

DAYTON, OHIO --- The University of Dayton Research Institute’s FASTLANE-MEP, NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland and the Dayton Development Coalition partner to host the FASTLANE – 2016 NASA Tech Connect Event in Dayton this August.

FASTLANE – 2016 NASA Tech Connect offers manufacturers located in the Greater Dayton region the opportunity to spend one full day receiving one-on-one technical advice from a NASA Glenn expert to help solve technical challenges and expand their business. This event will give Dayton area manufacturing businesses direct access to NASA’s capabilities and expertise.

NASA Glenn’s expertise covers basic engineering disciplines as well as the specialty fields that support the center’s core competencies:

- Power, Energy Storage and Conversion
- Materials and Structures for Extreme Environments
- Air-Breathing Propulsion
- Communications Technology and Development
- In-Space Propulsion and Cryogenic Fluids Management
- Physical Sciences and Biomedical Technologies

Applicants must be a US owned manufacturing company located in the Greater Dayton region and have 25 or more employees. They will need to have a technical challenge, that once solved, will generate revenue for their business and create additional jobs for the Dayton area.

“FASTLANE is focused on assisting manufacturers in growing their business. Many times the challenge facing our client firms centers around technology acceleration. This program will increase the pool of technical subject matter experts that we have access to, in order to solve such challenges,” said FASTLANE Director Phil Ratermann. “FASTLANE is excited to partner with NASA on this project as NASA-Glenn researchers have engaged in similar programs in Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown with our sister affiliate MAGNET to provide assistance to over 30 small and mid-sized manufacturers helping them solve complex technical challenges leading to growth.”
“Collaboration between research organizations and industry drives innovation that leads to economic growth. UDRI’s FASTLANE will enable the untapped resources of NASA Glenn to be made available to manufacturing companies for the solution of problems that will lead to improved competitiveness, ultimately resulting in improving the local economy,” said John Leland, Vice President for Research at the University of Dayton and Executive Director of the Research Institute.

“NASA Glenn is looking forward to having our subject matter experts interact with selected members of the local manufacturing community in Dayton and its surrounding areas. We leverage their technical knowledge gained from NASA mission work to solve real world problems and improve the economy, as part of our Regional Economic Development Initiative. Additionally, we are excited to work with a partner like FASTLANE which is one of the key resources for West-Central Ohio manufacturers,” said Laurie Stauber, Regional Economic Development Senior Program Specialist at the NASA Glenn Research Center.

“The Tech Connect event is a great example of the type of cooperation that can provide business opportunities for Dayton region companies. This partnership will allow companies to work with experts from NASA Glenn Research Center and FASTLANE illustrating how our region is solving problems and increasing collaboration,” said Maurice McDonald, Executive Vice President of Aerospace and Defense for the Dayton Development Coalition.

Visit www.Fastlane-mep.org/NASATechConnect to submit your application to attend. All applications must be submitted by Friday, May 6, 2016.

The Tech Connect event will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at the University of Dayton. The event will be by invitation only. Selected manufacturers will be notified with more details in June. The selected manufacturers will also have the opportunity to apply for an additional 32 hours of technical assistance.

For more information about the FASTLANE – 2016 NASA Tech Connect Event, please contact: Todd Brown at FASTLANE at Todd.Brown@udri.udayton.edu.

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