



About the Calumet Manufacturing Industry Sector Partnership (CMISP)

Introduction to the Calumet Manufacturing Industry Sector Partnership

The Calumet Manufacturing Industry Sector Partnership (CMISP) represents a collaborative effort to launch an unprecedented company-led sector-based partnership in the Calumet region (defined broadly as the south side of Chicago, southern Cook County, eastern Will County and northwest Indiana). The convening group of CMISP is bound by a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines an agreement to lead the implementation of programs and activities to engage manufacturing business leaders. It is led by the following convener organizations: Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, Calumet Area Industrial Commission, Chicago Federation of Labor, OAI, Inc., the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center, and the Chicago Metro Metal Consortium, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development.

Why this is important

The conveners, along with an extension of public partners, currently participate in efforts to engage companies to support job development, leverage limited resources, and spur economic growth. However, these efforts are often done independently of one another and without input from employers. They tend to be reactive and responsive. Using the Next Generation Sector Partnerships model, however, companies and their needs drive the agenda and effort.

CMISP leverages existing efforts in industry pipeline development in the Calumet region, underway through various simultaneous initiatives including the Calumet Green Manufacturing Partnership and the Chicago Metro Metal Consortium, to pull together industry champions and provide an employer-driven focus for the strategic alignment of resources.

Next Generation Sector Partnership Model

Next Gen Sector Partnerships are partnerships of businesses, from the same industry and in a shared labor market region, who work with education, workforce development, economic development and community organizations to address the workforce and other competitive needs of the targeted industry. This model helps various stakeholders collectively engage industry more deeply. Community support is a team effort, with education, workforce, and economic development organizations working together to respond to identified priorities through the industry-led partnership.



Next Gen Sector Partnerships allow industry leaders to design their own agenda and be poised for collective action as a result. Businesses champion priorities and offer their commitment to advance solutions. The partnerships tackle more than just workforce issues, focusing on whatever businesses deem important, such as access to capital, infrastructure needs, supply chain issues, etc. Industry sits at the table and guides the agenda, while community partners are in listen-only mode on the outside perimeter.

Impact

Next Gen Sector Partnerships produce results. For example:

- The East Bay Advanced Manufacturing Partnership in California created a customized education pathway for their top critical occupations, which quickly became the common framework for multiple high schools, junior colleges and the Workforce Board to align curriculum.
- The Kingman and Mohave Manufacturers Association in Arizona created a freight sharing program that allowed for regional manufacturers to coordinate shipments, saving on transportation costs. Member manufacturers also helped create a shared training space in a member company's facility, co-funded a mobile training unit for upskilling existing workers in rural manufacturing facilities, and significantly expanded existing manufacturing-related apprenticeships.
- The Gallatin Valley Manufacturing Partnership in Montana is designing a 9-day manufacturing curriculum module to be offered in local high schools throughout the region. The curriculum was developed by a team of manufacturers working with education partners and will be taught by guest instructors from regional manufacturing companies. It includes guest speakers, field trips to local manufacturing companies, and classes offered by Gallatin Community College.

The CMISP aims to generate similar results.

More information about the Next Gen Sector Partnership model can be found at

<http://www.nextgensectorpartnerships.com/>.

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