Project Name:
Manufacturing Re-shoring Initiative and Prove Out Facility for the National Institute of Materials Advancement

Recipient:
Pittsburg State University

Address:
1701 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762

Amount Requested:
$4,000,000

Project Explanation:
This funding will build and equip the National Institute for Materials Advancement’s (NIMA) Manufacturing Prove-Out Facility, a 15,000 to 20,000 sq. ft. facility to assist and support regional entrepreneurs and innovators in moving conceptual products from proof-of-concept to pilot-scale and market assessment production. The facility will be located next to the Tyler Research Facility on 9 acres of land allocated by the City of Pittsburg and specifically designated and zoned for development as a R&D park. The federal funds will be used to match other funds NIMA has secured to build the facility. It is anticipated that by promoting regional innovation and making pilot-scale manufacturing accessible to local entrepreneurs, over the next ten years, 200 new high paying, technology-based jobs will be added to the area, along with an estimated $100M in capital investment, including satellite support businesses.
April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a Manufacturing Re-shoring Initiative and Prove Out Facility for the National Institute of Materials Advancement in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pittsburg State University, located at 1701 South Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762. The funding would be used to expand the Tyler Research & Development Park and provide initial funding for their Manufacturing Re-shoring Initiative. This funding would build and equip NIMA’s Manufacturing Prove-Out Facility, a 15,000 to 20,000 square foot facility to assist and support regional entrepreneurs and innovators in moving conceptual products from proof-of-concept to pilot-scale and market assessment production. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jake LaTurner  
Member of Congress