

## MEP National Network™ Update Meeting AGENDA

**September 11-12, 2018**

*Kansas City Marriott Downtown  
200 W. 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64105*

### Tuesday, September 11, 2018 Optional In-Depth Programming

*Registration opens at 7:00 a.m.; located in pre-function area outside of the Imperial Ballroom.*

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	<p><b>Poster Session: Embedding Project Updates</b> Representatives of the 14 Embedding MEP in Manufacturing U.S.A. Institutes projects will be available to discuss their efforts to: share knowledge about Institute technology focus areas via awareness activities, including training and assessments; develop and test sustainable business models; and build expert national resources within the MEP National Network. Educational posters will provide information for each pilot. <i>(Colonial Ballroom)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEP Center embedded representatives for Manufacturing U.S.A. Institute projects</li> <li>• Dave Stieren, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Mark Schmit, NIST MEP</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Presentation: Network Deployment of Embedding Learning</b> Leadership from the Embedding MEP in Manufacturing USA Institutes projects will discuss Network deployment, including: how Centers may access technologies, training and resources; scaling and sustainment efforts; and, how Centers may overcome adoption challenges and identify engagement strategies to leverage project outcomes. <i>(Colonial Ballroom)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Stieren, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Mark Schmit, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Jennifer Hagen-Dier, TN MEP</li> <li>• Petra Mitchell, Catalyst Connection/PA MEP</li> <li>• Gregg Profozich, CMTC</li> <li>• Matt Watson, NYMEP</li> </ul>
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Presentations: Competitive Award Program (CAP)</b> Overview of the CAP, review of current program activities. Breaking into smaller repeated 20-minute sessions for in-depth learning allowing attendees to participate in all sessions; featured CAP award discussions on Pro Action Food Safety/FSMA Program, Center Sales and Marketing, Machine Shop Industry Assistance Program, MedAccred Program, and Digital Supply Chain Program, with the Cybersecurity Framework Program to be shared later in the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary, overview <i>(Colonial Ballroom)</i></li> <li>• Two Breakout rooms for small group presentations <i>(Truman A &amp; Truman B Rooms)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Cranmer, Ph.D., NIST MEP</li> <li>• National Network CAP Recipients</li> </ul>
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b> Lunch on your own	

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**Official Kickoff – MEP National Network Update Meeting, Part 1**

1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<p><b>MEP National Network Meeting – Opening Session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MO Enterprise Welcome, includes Economic Development Speaker</li> <li>• Welcome from NIST &amp; NIST MEP Leadership</li> <li>• Brief Attendee Introductions (Name, Center)</li> <li>• Report from the MEP Director <i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl Gendron, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Dusty Cruise, Missouri Enterprise (MO MEP)</li> <li>• Representative, MO Department of Economic Development</li> <li>• Carroll Thomas, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Phil Singerman, Ph.D., NIST Innovation and Industry Services</li> <li>• Walt Copan, Ph.D., NIST</li> </ul>
3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	<b>Meeting Break</b>	
3:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m.	<p><b>Interactive Learning Session: Living the MEP National Network Strategy</b></p> <p>Action planning around the National Network target strategic 18-month, 5-year and 10-year goals by envisioning the future, identifying key opportunities, challenges and constraints in reaching the target goals. <i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carroll Thomas, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Gary Thompson, NIST MEP</li> </ul>
4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	<p><b>Presentation &amp; Panel: MEP National Network Efforts in Cybersecurity and Supporting DoD</b></p> <p>The MEP National Network works closely with the Department of Defense (DoD) to bolster the resilience of the defense industrial base supply chain. MEP Centers assist SMMs on managing their cybersecurity risks using a variety of approaches, focusing on defense suppliers who must meet the DFARS Cybersecurity requirements, as well as commercial manufacturers who are managing business risk. This session will highlight why and how a diverse group of MEP Centers are offering cybersecurity assistance to SMMs, and will discuss individual Center perspectives relating to cybersecurity, as well as a National Network-based approach. <i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Stieren, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Pat Toth, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Bonnie Del Conte, CONNSTEP</li> <li>• Elliot Forsyth, MMTC</li> <li>• David Linger, TechSolve, Inc.</li> </ul>
5:15 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	<p><b>Featured Speaker/Day One Wrap Up: NIST Director, Walt Copan, Ph.D.</b></p> <p><i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phil Singerman, Ph.D., NIST Innovation and Industry Services</li> <li>• Walt Copan, Ph.D., NIST</li> </ul>

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**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**  
**MEP National Network Update Meeting, Part 2**

7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.	<b>Networking Breakfast</b> <i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i>	
8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome Back, Day Two; Featured Speaker: President of Ranken Technical College, Stan Shoun</b> <i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carroll Thomas, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Dusty Cruise, Missouri Enterprise (MO MEP)</li> <li>• Stan Shoun, President, Ranken Technical College</li> </ul>
8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Working Group (WG): Toyota Kata</b> Significant Toyota Kata work is happening across the MEP National Network and you will hear directly from your colleagues. Learn how and why MEP Center staff have integrated Toyota Kata into their suite of services and the business models being deployed to answer, “What’s in it for me?” <i>(Truman B Room)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Champion – Brian Lagas, NIST MEP</li> </ul>
8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	<b>Interactive Learning Session: Creating an Integrated National Network Learning Management System</b> This session will discuss the overarching goals and objectives of the NIST MEP role in helping to develop and deploy an integrated National Network Learning Management System. <i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Simpson, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Chancy Lyford, NIST MEP</li> <li>• CLT KST Leadership Team</li> </ul>
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Working Group (WG): Cybersecurity</b> The MEP Cybersecurity WG meeting will provide MEP Center Cybersecurity practitioners the opportunity to interact with peers, share resources and discuss manufacturing Cybersecurity challenges and solutions. Topics of discussion will include Building a Cybersecurity Practice, Moving Beyond DFARS Compliance, Cyber Insurance and more. <i>(Colonial Ballroom)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Champion – Pat Toth, NIST MEP</li> </ul>
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Working Group (WG): Workforce</b> The WG will discuss current issues and programming at your center as well as share ideas and discuss solutions. The session will lead to defining special interest groups to continue working together and with NIST MEP to identify like needs and start action planning to find or develop the resources we need to support MEP Center work with clients. <i>(Truman A Room)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Champion – Mary Ann Pacelli, NIST MEP</li> </ul>

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9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Concurrent Working Group (WG): Food Safety Services</b></p> <p>Members of the recently formed Food Safety MEP Steering Team will share and discuss strategies supporting a modular approach for developing an MEP Food Safety Program for the National Network. The intent is to enhance MEP Center services to the Center client base and to generate center IMPACT metrics and revenues. Questions to be discussed may include: Are there food safety critical factors, food quality management and organizational performance indicators for small food manufacturers? How can SMMs effectively address FSMA compliance? What are the important differences between training and mentorship/coaching in terms of fostering sustainable behaviors for maintaining an effective food safety culture within the small manufacturing enterprise? <i>(Trianon A/B Room)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Champions – Douglas Devereaux, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Dileep Thatte, NIST MEP</li> </ul>
9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	<p><b>Networking Break</b></p>	
9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Concurrent Presentation: How to Positively Impact Your Metrics using the MATTR Program</b></p> <p>Are you looking for ways to improve the impact metrics of your Center? This presentation will cover how your Center’s metrics can be positively impacted by use of the MEP-Assisted Technology and Technical Resource (MATTR) program. To better connect SMMs with the resources of the NIST Laboratories, NIST MEP is promoting the MATTR program, which provides a mechanism for U.S. manufacturers with specific product or process needs or questions to be connected through the MEP centers to the technical expertise, laboratory facilities and other resources of the NIST Laboratories. <i>(Truman B Room)</i></p>	<p>Marlon Walker, Ph.D., NIST MEP</p>
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Interactive Learning Session: Refining the MEP Program Performance &amp; Evaluation Management System (PEMS)</b></p> <p>Briefing on the National Network Performance Management Policy, small group engagement to identify key elements in an MEP Center’s key performance indicator (KPI) system, how to leverage these for improved performance, and discussion of improvements in the NIST overall evaluation process. <i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carroll Thomas, NIST MEP</li> <li>• Beth Colbert, NIST MEP</li> </ul>
11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	<p><b>Featured Speaker/Day Two Meeting Wrap Up: Mayor of Kansas City, Sly James</b></p> <p><i>(Imperial Ballroom)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Cranmer, Ph.D., NIST MEP</li> <li>• Dusty Cruise, Missouri Enterprise (MO MEP)</li> <li>• Sly James, City of Kansas City, Missouri</li> </ul>

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