

Hello, my name is [REDACTED] and I am the [REDACTED] at West Paw Design, a manufacturer located in Bozeman, Montana. I have been asked to give feedback on what capabilities the MEP should develop to help manufacturing. Here is my input:

1. **automation** - Develop the skills so new technology and partners are understood in order to consult with manufacturers and help them innovate. Also, lets fund some projects so we can use willing manufacturers as a test lab to develop new technology and processes.
2. **product development** - Develop tools and skills to help manufacturers manage the product life cycle. This could look like consulting, tool development, research...