

MassTLC receives grant from MassDevelopment Advanced Manufacturing Futures Program: May 2017

We are asking support from our community

MassTLC, in collaboration with [MassRobotics](#) and [MassMEP](#), was awarded a grant from MassDevelopment's Advanced Manufacturing Futures Fund Program to facilitate growth and competitiveness in the field of manufacturing. We will explore the needs of both robotics startups, scaling companies and manufacturers, establish a program to communicate best practices for these communities to work collaboratively, and create a network for commercializing innovation and converting start-ups and scale-ups to Massachusetts manufacturers. We proposed to begin to map current established and startup robotics companies to Massachusetts supply chain and manufacturing resources.

Our objective is to foster a culture of collaboration between local suppliers and manufacturers and the robotics and IoT community that will continue well beyond the completion of this initial program. Additionally, through local commercialization of robotic and IoT systems and associated automation technologies, we will gain a significant manufacturing advantage throughout Massachusetts.

The objectives will be accomplished in several phases, beginning with conducting a survey of robotics companies followed by interviews to understand needs and readiness to manufacture. In addition we will be reaching out to manufacturers to learn their areas of expertise and hosting seminars on automation and collaborative robotics systems. The program will culminate with matchmaking activities.

We are targeting companies of varying degrees of status and size and urge all of our followers to fill out this survey to help us get started. It does take 15-20 minutes.

Robotics and IoT Company [Survey link](#)
(<http://bit.ly/1VGu7KZ>)

Manufacturers [Survey link](#)
(<http://bit.ly/1O9nXkY>)

Thank you in advance for your time and support.