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STEM Best Practices on Display at IN-MaC's Fourth Annual Micro-Grant Impact Summit

Educators, industry partners invited to learn how micro-grants are creating macro impact in preparing future workforce for Industry 4.0

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND., – Registration is now open for the **Indiana Next Generation Manufacturing Competitiveness Center's** (IN-MaC) fourth annual Micro-Grant Impact Summit. Planned for November 9 in West Lafayette, the summit includes presentations from multiple micro-grant participants. The keynote presentation features Dr. Todd Kelly discussing the importance of a community of practice.

The summit brings educators (K-16), industry professionals, and STEM-focused organizations together to discuss, brainstorm and share micro-grant best practices. It also showcases micro-grant grantees, programs, and initiatives that were supported through IN-MaC funding.

“With more than 298 projects that have been funded, we have a huge network of successful grantees that are helping to develop Indiana’s future workforce,” said Lisa Deck, program manager for education and workforce with IN-MaC. “There is power in this network when our partners come together to share best practices, collaborate to maximize resources and amplify impact.”

Participants will gain insights into STEM talent development at a regional, state and local level. In addition, networking opportunities will help attendees connect across a diverse network of professionals and educators. Participants will also learn more about the 2022-2023 IN-MaC Micro-Grant process.

To register for the IN-MaC Micro-Grant Impact Summit, please visit <https://bit.ly/3UhvqCu>.

From its inception, the micro-grant program has supported 298 initiatives across 86 counties in Indiana and impacted more than 139,869 students and incumbent workers.

To learn more about IN-MaC and the microgrant program, visit <https://www.purdue.edu/in-mac/> or contact Lisa Deck at adeck@purdue.edu.



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About IN-MaC: IN-MaC provides programs and services to enhance the talents and capabilities of Indiana's present and future workforce by facilitating connections between educators and industry to catalyze the formation of near-term and long-term skills in a highly accessible manner across Indiana. IN-MaC supports a variety of STEM-type, skilled trades, degree (associates and undergraduate) and certificate programs.

IN-MaC leverages its resources, networks and partnerships with industry, local communities, educators and interested stakeholders to provide a variety of formal courses and informal activities that embolden pathways to meet the talent needs of the present and future manufacturing workforce.

About IN-MaC Micro-Grant Program: The micro-grant program provides grant funding to organizations that implement manufacturing initiatives to enhance skills for youth (K-12), post-secondary students, and the incumbent workforce. The micro-grants are designed to support innovation and encourage organizations to dedicate funds towards development and program implementation that impact and create manufacturing awareness.