



Area manufacturing gets \$620 million boost

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A federal partnership has boosted Southern California small manufacturers' sales \$243 million, according to a new report.

The partnership also is credited with helping 500 small manufacturers retain \$377 million in sales for a combined impact of \$620 million.

Small manufacturers have received consulting help from **California Manufacturing Technology Consulting** in Torrance under the federal Manufacturing Extension Partnership program.



The data on the impact of that help from June 2007 to May 2008 was compiled by the market research firm **Synovate** for the National Institute of Standards and Technology

Other impacts:

- \$114 million in cost savings
- \$88 million invested in plant and equipment
- 5,426 created and retained jobs

The project has helped firms learn new production and management strategies to boost competitiveness and profits, says David Braunstein, president and CEO of CMTC. "This allows many of these manufacturers to remain in business in California and provide high-paying manufacturing jobs."