

Penn**TAP**

Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program

UNIVERSITY

The Pennsylvania State University

CENTER DIRECTOR

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CENTER LOCATION

Statewide Center for >40 years

CENTER ACTIVITIES

- Operational & Energy Assessments
- · University Engagement

CLIENTS

- Manufacturers
- Entrepreneurs
- Economic development agencies

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The Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP) at Penn State is a statewide technical assistance organization supporting Pennsylvania businesses and anchor institutions, including manufacturers, entrepreneurs and economic development agencies. PennTAP's network of advisors is strategically distributed across Pennsylvania, allowing each advisor to cultivate deeper client and community relationships in their respective region. PennTAP continues to deliver on a legacy of documented economic impact within the state and positive returns on investments to funding partners.



PA University Center — Regional Innovation Through Transformative Technical Assistance (PA-RIT³A) activities and outcomes will include the following:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM SUPPORT

PennTAP provides statewide support through collaboration with Penn State campus communities and the LaunchBox & Innovation Network, comprised of 21 innovation spaces offering free coworking and entrepreneurial programming to PA entrepreneurs and startups, regardless of university affiliation. PennTAP also works closely with community partners in each of its six regions, including Local Economic Development Districts (EDDs), to assess local resources and needs of the community.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PennTAP technical advisors take a holistic assessment approach to advising individual small to mid-sized manufacturers on potential efficiency upgrades for any and every aspect of their facility. Advisors also lead webinars and workshops to introduce regional economic and campus resources and provide design thinking-focused trainings to companies.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

PennTAP acts as a connector between the University and industry partners by providing access to an abundance of resources including faculty expertise, research centers, state-of-the-art facilities as well as student talent. Access to these resources enables businesses and workers to compete in the worldwide, knowledge-based economy and leads to prosperous employees, businesses, and local communities.