

Are there GAPS in Central Virginia's Manufacturing Sector?
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1. Access to capital
 - a. How connected are small/medium sized manufacturers to capital and/or investors?

2. Supporting Manufacturing Entrepreneurship
 - a. How does a manufacturer get entrepreneurial support? Is it adequate?
 - i. Do manufacturers need help with how to achieve value-added processes, lower manufacturing costs and improved productivity
 - b. Are incubation resources important?

3. Cultivating Innovation Capacity
 - a. Does our manufacturing eco system working support technological innovation in manufacturing
 - b. Do manufacturers in this region have access to research universities to evaluate or commercialize innovations?

4. Supply Chains
 - a. Are manufacturers in this region aware of suppliers in this region? Do they need networking, introductions?
 - b. Do we need to strengthen our manufacturing/economic clusters that support each other?
 - c. How is local supplier quality and availability?

5. National and Global markets
 - a. Do we have adequate connections?
 - b. What are the issues with our roads, rail, air shipping?