

## Impacted by Hurricane Harvey? MEP of Louisiana can help

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana, in collaboration with regional economic development, university and community colleges, provides free of charge assessment services to:

- Manufacturers that have experienced some damage and are rebuilding.
- Manufacturers who have had disruptions to their supply chain and distribution channels.
- Manufacturers unaffected initially by hurricanes, but who expect impact within one year due to short-term and long-term employees, customers or supply chain adverse impacts.



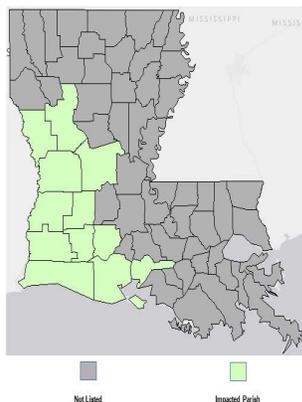
A community forum will be held in each of the 12 impacted parishes in January 2018 to provide insight on these resources to support manufacturers. This forum will also provide an opportunity to listen and understand the needs of affected manufacturers.

A combination of assessment tools (e.g., Competitiveness Review, 360° Assessment) will be used to develop a strategy for recovery. Following the results of an initial assessment, a more detailed evaluation may be conducted on an operational parameter such as infrastructure damage, communications, sales, operations, supply chain, quality certification, IT/cyber, financials, labor, training, human resources changes (safety, jobs lost due relocation of personnel, training needs of new hires), automation/robotics.

### Impacted Parishes

#### Parishes

- Allen
- Acadia
- Beauregard
- Calcasieu
- Cameron
- Iberia
- Jefferson Davis
- Natchitoches
- Rapides
- Sabine
- Vermilion
- Vernon



**Category 1: Severely damaged /out of business (refer to FEMA, SBA and other agencies dealing with immediate disaster relief)**

**Category 2: Damaged/rebuilding\***

**Category 3: Operating at reduced levels due to employees, customers or supply chain adverse impacts\***

**Category 4: Unaffected initially by hurricanes, but expect impact within one year due to short term and long term employees, customers or supply chain adverse impacts\***

**Category 5: Don't expect short term or long term adverse impact from hurricane and interested in growth and business development opportunities to help with regional needs**

*\*Eligible for free assessment with appropriate NAICS codes*

The results of the assessments will be used to provide recommendations for companies to drive operational excellence. Example recommendations can include workforce development needs/plans, quality systems and ISO recommendations, work flow optimization, and automation/robotics implementation opportunities.

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