



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Mark
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Tisdell
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Automation Alley
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2675 Bellingham, Troy, MI 48083
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
n/a
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Rep. Donni Steele
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. Project Diamond (Distributed, Independent, Agile Manufacturing on Demand) is a statewide initiative led by Automation Alley that equips small and medium-sized Michigan manufacturers with advanced additive manufacturing (3D printing) technology, digital design tools, and comprehensive training. The purpose of the legislatively directed spending is to fund the expansion of Project Diamond across Michigan to build a more resilient, technologically advanced, and responsive manufacturing base capable of meeting both commercial and national security needs. Public Benefit and Justification for

Taxpayer Funding

Project Diamond provides a clear public benefit by:

1. Strengthening Michigan's Economy

The program accelerates Industry 4.0 adoption by small manufacturers, enhancing their competitiveness, efficiency, and ability to win high-value contracts. This drives job creation, preserves Michigan's industrial base, and strengthens local economies statewide.

2. Improving Supply Chain Resilience

By creating a distributed manufacturing network powered by a centralized digital platform, Project Diamond enables rapid, localized production of critical components. This helps protect Michigan residents from future supply chain disruptions and enhances emergency responsiveness.

3. National Defense and Economic Security

Participating manufacturers are integrated into a secure digital manufacturing network that is designed to support Department of Defense (DoD) and homeland security missions. This positions Michigan as a national leader in defense manufacturing using 3D Printing and contributes directly to U.S. economic and national security.

4. Workforce Transformation and Talent Development

Through our Project Diamond Academy, the program includes training for employees on advanced manufacturing technologies, helping Michigan workers acquire future-ready skills and ensuring the state remains competitive in a technology-driven global economy. These benefits align directly with the state's public interests in economic development, workforce advancement, and public safety.

Constitutional Compliance: Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution

Article IV, § 30 prohibits the Michigan Legislature from appropriating public funds for private purposes. However, Project Diamond complies with this provision because the funds are not granted for private gain, but rather for a public purpose—specifically, strengthening the state's manufacturing base, enhancing national security readiness, improving public access to essential goods during crises, and ensuring long-term economic resilience.

Funds are administered through Automation Alley, a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization, and are used to:

- Purchase shared-use manufacturing equipment,
- Provide public-benefit training programs,
- Operate a digital manufacturing platform available to Michigan-based companies for collective benefit.

The program's design ensures transparency, public oversight, and accountability in the use of state funds, with benefits accruing broadly to Michigan residents, not to any individual private entity.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

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11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["Federal", "State", "Local", "Private"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

Jeff Abell – Chief Scientist for Global Manufacturing and Director, Manufacturing Systems, General Motors Rochelle Black – Secretary; Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Oakland University Sean Carlson – Vice President; Deputy Oakland County Executive, Oakland County Gary Conrad – Vice President, Sales, Eagle Point Software Timothy Finerty – Audit Committee; Manager, Wipfli David Hay – Immediate Past President, Comp Committee; Retired (Kelly Services, Inc.) Joshua Hundt – Executive Vice President & Chief Business Development, MEDC Tom Kelly – Executive Director, CEO, Automation Alley Gary Krus – VP of Business Development, HIROTEC - AMERICA Carla McKelvey – VP & Market Leader Professional & Industrial, Kelly Services, Inc. Kris Powell – CEO, HRPro/BenePro Peter Provenzano Jr. – Audit Committee; Chancellor, Oakland Community College John Paul Rea – Treasurer and Audit Committee; Director, Department of Planning & Economic Development, Macomb County Government Kurt Saldana – President, Comp Committee; CEO, DTI Robert Schwartz – General Counsel, Comp Committee; Legal, Butzel Long Tarek Sobh – President, Lawrence Tech University Jeff Hall – Vice President – Global Strategic Sales, Omron Automation Americas Assad Turfe – DCEO, Wayne County

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

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19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes