

Automate ND Eligibility

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Business must be registered to do business in the state of North Dakota
- Business must be a Primary Sector Certified Business at the time of application
- Business must have less than 500 employees (tourism primary sector businesses do not qualify for this grant opportunity).
 - Business can apply for Primary Sector Certification here: [Forms \(nd.gov\)](https://www.nd.gov)
- The equipment must be utilized in a facility located in North Dakota.
- The machinery, equipment, or software has not been purchased.
- Business must have a 3rd party feasibility study (with Advanced Manufacturing Assessment and Value Stream Mapping (VSM)) completed to measure the following impacts of the proposed project (see list of recommended partners):
 - ROI and payback period
 - Increased capacity per cell or value stream
 - Hours saved – (factory wide, value stream, cell)
 - Additional revenue projected as a result of the project
 - Average increase in hourly earnings per employee on automated line or cell
 - Improved employee safety*
 - Improved production quality*

***Items listed may not apply to all projects.**