

## Cybersecurity Requirements for Defense Contractors

August 5 • 10:00 a.m. CT



The Department of Defense has begun to revise the cybersecurity requirements all contractors must adhere to in order to remain part of their critical supply chain. Attend this webinar to learn about new cybersecurity developments and how they affect current and future contracts.

### Primary Topics:

- Changes to Department of Defense cybersecurity requirements
- Upcoming certification requirements
- Common issues faced by contractors and how to overcome them

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UPCOMING EVENTS  
Please [click here](#) to register or for more information on the following events.

[Lean Enterprise Certification Program](#)  
Beginning July 29th

[Cybersecurity Requirements for Defense Contractors](#)  
August 5

[Manufacturing Day](#)  
October 2

## Intelligent Manufacturing in Europe Coffee Chat Series



The U.S. Commercial Service's Global Advanced Manufacturing Team and Europe Team invite American exporters to join us for "virtual coffee chats" with our U.S. Embassy colleagues across Europe. These informal video discussions are through Microsoft Teams. Each session will cover the current status of the advanced manufacturing sector in the region and include a brief regional overview.

[Register Here](#) - July 30 - Germany / Austria / Belgium

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## MANUFACTURING in Lehman's Terms



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## OEMs Knocking on the Doors for ISO 9001 Manufacturers in North Dakota

OEMs: *Knock! Knock!*

ND Mfrs: Who's There?

OEMs: *ISO*

ND Mfrs: *ISO Who?*

OEMs: *ISO badly need ISO9001 manufacturers.*

Many small- and medium-sized manufacturers in North Dakota are seeing waves of RFQs from key OEMs looking to outsource more work to them. This wave of outsourcing is caused by OEMs gearing back up, pulling manufacturing back into the USA and/or unavailability of workers at their facilities to meet demand.

One of the keys (or barriers; depending on where your organization is at) to entry is ISO9001 Quality Management System (QMS) compliance and certification. Most OEMs demand that their risks of disruption are mitigated by their supply chain being ISO9001 Certified.

[Click here to read full article.](#)

## Manufacturing COVID-19 Updates

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the 4th and is getting the opportunity to take in some much-needed vacation time with their families! This summer has been an unusually busy one as the Commerce staff has been busy focusing on the rollout of a couple of grant programs to help our businesses deal with the impact of the pandemic. Both programs are a result of federal funds given to North Dakota to help our businesses through the recovery of the pandemic. Here is a brief overview of the grant programs.

[Click here to read Lehman's Terms.](#)

## How to Host a Virtual Manufacturing Day Event

Given the limitations with public gatherings and social distancing practices prompted by the current pandemic, it's uncertain whether manufacturers will be hosting traditional on-site tours of their facilities on Manufacturing Day ([MFG Day](#)) this October. But as we have learned with so many other aspects of our lives, a virtual option awaits.

And while there is no replacing the sensory experience of watching a manufacturing process up close for the first time, there may be opportunities with a virtual event to increase community engagement and collect data on visitors who are interested in a career in manufacturing.

MFG Day is an initiative of The Manufacturing Institute, the workforce development and education partner of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). As one of the original co-producers of Manufacturing Day, the MEP National Network continues to promote MFG Day on a state-by-state basis.

[Virtual Manufacturing Day Article](#)

## Protecting Your Business From Cybersecurity Threats During COVID-19

Working from home means that all manufacturers need to revisit and heighten their cybersecurity protocols to account for remote working conditions. Not doing so could leave you vulnerable to forms of cyberattack that are already emerging in response to the changing landscape of how we work. Use these practical suggestions from the MEP National Network to combat emerging cyberthreats and secure your business going forward.

[Secure Your Network Now](#)

## Do you have gaps in your supply chain? We can help.

Impact Dakota is partnering with NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) and our nationwide network of 50 other MEP Centers across the U.S. and Puerto Rico to help solve supply chain gaps encountered by government entities, critical care service providers, and manufacturers.

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