Macomb County is home to an advanced manufacturing network that features a convergence of technology, skilled trades and manufacturing expertise. This makes Macomb County a preferred place to do business. From concept to consumer, County companies specialize in every aspect of product development and production.

Macomb County’s emerging advanced manufacturing supercluster is growing out of 415 companies that employ 12,000 highly skilled workers across fields of science, technology, engineering and math. These companies are utilizing sophisticated software systems and continually integrate designing, prototyping, production and supply chain management, which leads to shorter product development cycles and increased manufacturing efficiencies.

Within the advanced manufacturing industry, Macomb County has emerged as a leader in the aerospace, robotics and tool and die sectors. The technical skills and innovation pioneered by the automotive industry are now finding new applications in a variety of high-tech manufacturing industries, which are especially relevant as the Industry 4.0 trend continues to spread. As a result, no other county or region is as well-equipped to meet the demands of the advanced manufacturing industry.
Cougar Cutting Tools, Clinton Township - Cougar Cutting Tools in Clinton Township was founded in 1987 with the belief that "you're only as good as the last tool you made," a mantra that allowed the company to become a successful second generation family business. As a manufacturer of custom carbide tools, Cougar specializes in drills, end mills, reamers, form tools and other products for industrial machining applications. The company's versatility utilizing lean manufacturing principles has allowed it to grow and expand into a second Clinton Township location.

Schwab Industries, Shelby Township - Schwab Industries is a premier supplier of tooling, stampings, gages and fixtures for aerospace, automotive and consumer industries. The company is also qualified to handle most aerospace production requirements and can accurately program the best tooling solution for all aerospace needs. Schwab has over 100,000-square-feet of manufacturing space divided between five buildings on one campus. The company is currently in the process of building a new 35,000-square-foot facility that will connect two existing buildings and utilize a lot on 23 Mile Road for parking and future building expansions. This development will allow Schwab to hire 20 new employees by the end of 2018. Macomb County is assisting with a 50 percent tax abatement on the new investment.

Ultraform Industries, Romeo - Ultraform Industries is a leader in high volume precision metal-formed production parts for automotive, military and consumer product applications. Located in Romeo and employing 80 people, the company is investing over $1 million for the fourth time in the past five years. This time, aided by a local tax abatement, Ultraform is investing $4.2 million to add 30,000-square-feet to their 50,000-square-foot facility, as well as 15 new full-time jobs. This new investment will help support a new program from Toyota. In business for 55 years, Ultraform Industries also serves the aerospace, medical and alternative energy industries. Macomb County, working with the local community, has offered support to the project in the form of a property tax abatement, reducing taxes on the investment by 50 percent for 12 years.

The business development team of the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development is here to help. Our job is to be knowledgeable about and connected to a wide assortment of programs available to help businesses succeed. This includes assisting with new investment in facilities and equipment, recruitment and training of new and existing employees, and helping with financing, exporting and diversifying the industry sectors your company serves. The business development team will introduce your company to our partner service agencies and work with you to ensure access to available local and state incentives.

Our services are free, confidential and easily accessed. Simply get in touch, and we will arrange for your team to meet with our seasoned professionals. The business development team will listen to your goals to grow your business and act as your project manager to navigate working with government agencies at all levels.