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LSSU opens PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Lake Superior State University in cooperation with Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center announce the creation of the LSSU Prototype Development Center. (PDC)

The PDC will enable small to mid-sized manufacturers to gain access to the engineering resources and expertise available at LSSU's School of Engineering and Technology to develop and bring new products to market. Many small businesses have excellent product ideas but do not possess the resources to convert those ideas into sales. The PDC provides an economical means for these businesses to obtain a prototype that can bridge that gap.

The School of Engineering and Technology at LSSU can bring the broad base of knowledge and experience in the areas of Manufacturing Methods, Mechanical, Materials, Electronics, Computers and Robotics to the task of implementing functional prototypes and systems. Prototypes designed and constructed by the PDC can then be used by industry as samples to base products upon, as 'proof of concept', and demonstrations to aid in securing capital investment for startups.

Along with the faculty the PDC employs Project Administrators, engineers with years of design and entrepreneurial experience, to shepherd the projects through the process from initial concept to final prototype.

The PDC is building upon the numerous successful collaborations with companies such as AMT, Delphi, Algoma Steel, Continental and others.

The educational process at LSSU is enhanced by having a facility such as the PDC where students can gain hands on experience and faculty can apply their experience and technical knowledge to projects that will benefit Michigan companies.

The Prototype Development Center welcomes the opportunity to assist Michigan business in the development of leading edge products.

The PDC can be reached through the School of Engineering and Technology at Lake Superior State University.