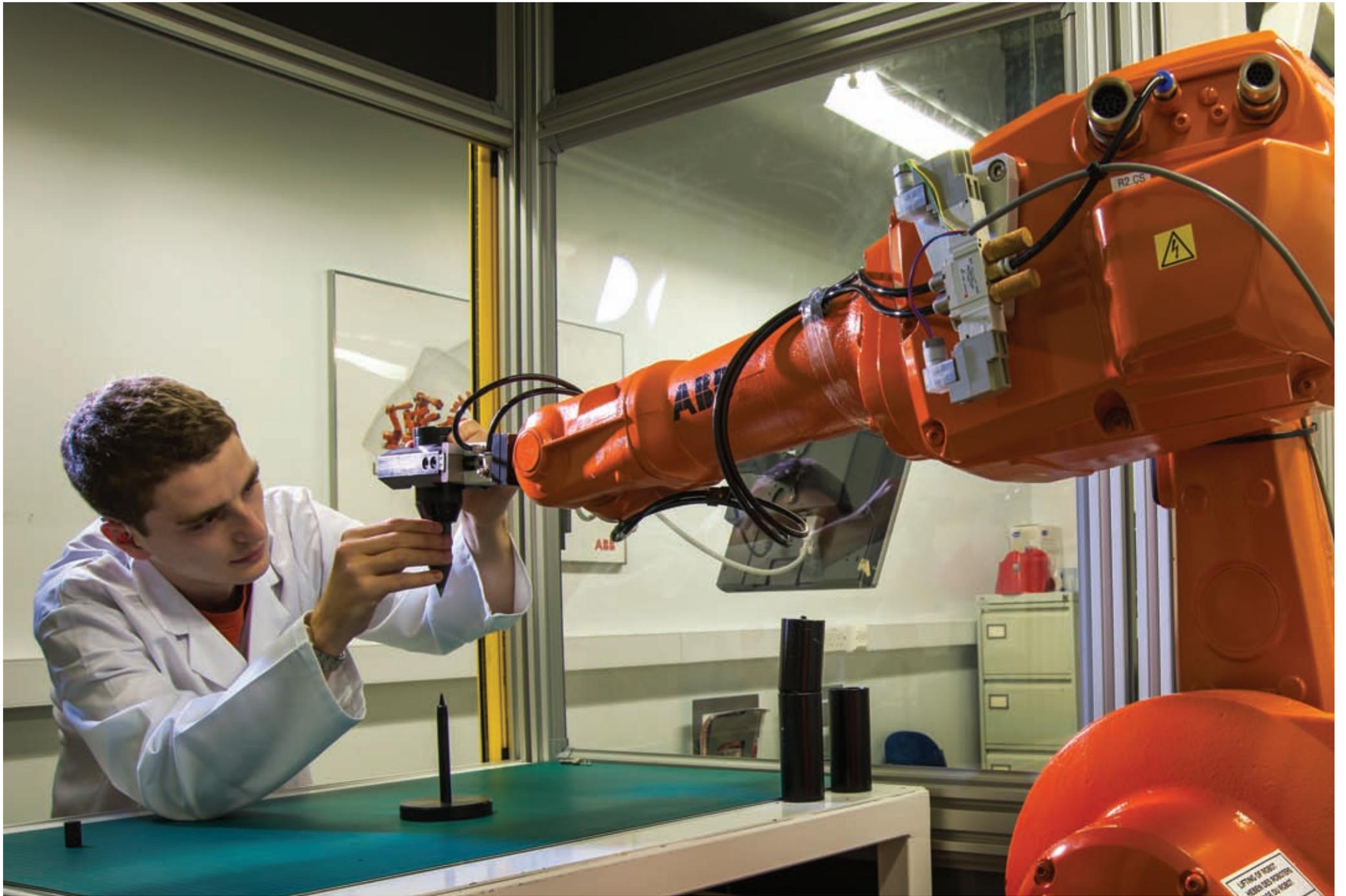


Advanced Manufacturing in
Liverpool City Region
Sources of Support for Growth
2014



World Class Advanced Manufacturing: the heart of the Liverpool City Region

Manufacturing has always been at the heart of the Liverpool City Region's economy. Whether it was our excellence in ship-building that created our international maritime heritage or our current world-leading position in chemicals, vaccines or pharmaceuticals or in the production of the world's best motor vehicles, Liverpool City Region has always punched above its weight in terms of industrial excellence.

Creating one of the world's best manufacturing environments

Our mission in manufacturing is simple: to keep the Liverpool City Region ahead of the global competition. We aim to create a global hotspot, supported by one of the world's best Advanced Manufacturing environments:

- A Liverpool City Region that competes because of its excellent people, a strong and dedicated workforce who know what it takes;
- A Liverpool City Region that competes because of its commitment to knowledge, innovation, creativity and efficiency we understand what it takes;
- A Liverpool City Region that competes because it works with business to help them to grow and evolve. From property to the right kind of finance we will do what it takes.

Progress so far

Working together, the City Region has set out a clear roadmap for keeping Liverpool City Region's advanced manufacturing sector ahead of the game

- Advanced Manufacturing in the Liverpool City Region: Opportunities for Growth presents the global national and local manufacturing context and provides the framework for how we will develop the sector.
- The Makingit process has engaged with the local manufacturing industry to take a detailed look at the future and identify the opportunities and competencies that the City Region can capitalise. A short film and summary document are available now, and full technical annex will be available in November 2014.
- This brochure summarises the main programmes in place to help businesses grow, and is accompanied by a full directory published on our website at www.liverpoollep.org/makingit

making it





A new manufacturing partnership

Our manufacturing excellence is underpinned by a strong partnership between business and the public sector. The Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership is a unique membership organisation bringing over 450 businesses together with government to promote economic growth. The LEP is coordinating the City Region's work on Advanced Manufacturing, and is supported by:

- A Manufacturing Forum, comprised of some of the City Region's largest manufacturers has been drawn together to promote mutual learning and to advise the LEP on the needs of the local sector.
- A Manufacturing Steering Group, comprised of local authorities, Universities and the main sector support agencies are ensuring the City Region is moving in the same direction and that public investment is being used as effectively as possible.

Towards an Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan

As evidence of our commitment to working together, we are delighted to present phase one of our 'Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan'.

This is not the end of the story: Our commitment is to ensuring the world's best environment for advance manufacturing, and the next phases of the plan will examine issues duplication, examine the effectiveness of support, and work with businesses to design and deliver new support where it is required.

The next phases of action plan development are detailed below.

Towards the worlds best manufacturing environment

Review

- Establish a support steering group
- Review the existing support environment
- Publish and maintain a support directory
- Publicise existing services

Evaluate

- Business led evaluation of existing services
- Analyse current services against future needs via 'making it' process
- Review commercial services and business networks

Deliver

- Reduce duplication in existing services
- Remove ineffective services
- Prioritise investment and commission new services where required

About this document

This document highlights the efforts that are already being made to ensure our world-class status, and we hope it allows your business to easily access the right type of support.

We have compiled and listed the main sources of support which are available to manufacturing companies here in the Liverpool City Region. We have included services which are either available free of charge or are subsidised by public funding. We have also listed fee-based membership organisations that are particularly relevant to manufacturing companies.

The full directory is divided into thematic sections, depending on the type of support you are looking for, illustrated in the diagram below. Overleaf is a handy one page index of the main services on offer.



How to use the directory

Browse through the full directory by section to find the service or services most relevant to your current business need. Some services are only for certain sectors, type, size or locality so be sure to check the eligibility criteria.

The full directory is available as a downloadable PDF document on the LEP website www.liverpoollep.org/makingit.aspx

What's Next?

From our work compiling this directory, there are some key messages which we need to take forward and address in the next phases of the Manufacturing Plan.

Collectively, we need to develop a clearer message to manufacturing companies on how to access business support – currently there are some issues surrounding duplication of services and a general confusion on where to go for what. We hope that this directory will go some way in addressing that confusion, but more work will be needed to develop this further.

In addition, we need to work with businesses to evaluate current services, address any gaps and prioritise investment into key areas and gaps identified. For instance, it may be that some publicly funded services are already adequately provided for by the private sector and that public resources would be better spent on areas where support is weaker.

Get involved?

If you would like to comment on any of the services, get help accessing any of the services or have your service included in this directory, please contact us at makingit@liverpoollep.org



Business Growth: Support and Advice	Business Growth: Finance	Business Growth: Productivity and Efficiency	People, Skills & Recruitment	Knowledge, Innovation, Networks	Land, Property and Infrastructure
The Manufacturing Institute	Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative (AMSCI), including West Midlands and LCR Programme	WRAP Waste Prevention Loan Fund	UK Commission for Employment & Skills – Employer Ownership of Skills	UK Innovation Investment Fund	The Chrysalis Fund
Manufacturing Advisory Service	Business Growth Grant	WRAP – Resource Efficiency Support	Merseyside Skills for Growth Bank	R&D Tax Credits	Enterprise Capital Fund Programme
EEF	Regional Growth Fund Round 5	Enworks	UK Commission for Employment & Skills – Growth and Innovation Fund	The Patent Box	Capital Allowances
North West Aerospace Alliance	ERDF and ESF 2014-2020	The Carbon Trust	UK Commission for Employment & Skills – Employer Investment Fund	TSB/Innovate UK – various	HSBC Assisted Asset Purchase Scheme
North West Automotive Alliance	Single Local Growth Fund	Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) Support (including funding schemes)	SEMTA Sector Skills Council	Design Leadership Programme	Enterprise Zones
Chemicals North West	Natwest/RBS RGF Fund	DECC Offshore Wind Manufacturers Scheme	Cogent Sector Skills Council	NESTA	Assisted Area Status
Mersey Maritime – Sector Development Programme	Merseyside Small Loans for Business Fund	GROW: Offshore Wind	Recruitment Support – various	University of Liverpool – various including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lairdsie Laser Engineering Centre • Engine & Driveline Control Applications • Agility and Supply Chain Management Centre 	Property Finder Services various
BioNow	Funding for Lending Scheme	CORE Status Support	Work Place Training including Apprenticeships – various organisations	Liverpool John Moores University – various inc School of Engineering and GERI Outreach Project	Various cluster employment sites and their support services
Food North West	Enterprise Finance Guarantee	Wirral RGF Offshore Renewable Energy Programme	LCR Employment & Skills Board	Sci Tech Daresbury – various inc STFC Daresbury Laboratory and the Virtual Engineering Centre	
Liverpool LEP	Business Finance Partnership	Crown Estate Supply Chain Events	University Technical Colleges	Life Sciences Strengths - various inc AHSN, NICAL, clinical trials expertise and BIO Innovation Centre	
Business Support Agencies across the local authority areas (Halton Borough Council, Knowsley Council, Liverpool Vision, Invest Sefton, St Helens Council and Invest Wirral)	Knowsley Council Investment Grants	UKTI - Helping Your Business Grow Internationally (Chambers of Commerce also provide International Trade Support)		North West Composites Centre	
Chambers of Commerce (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool Sefton, St Helens and Wirral)	North West Fund for Biomedical	Growth Accelerator		Energy Innovation Centre	
Merseyside Business Support Programme	North West Fund for Energy & Environmental	The Business Mentoring Scheme		North West Composites Centre	
Making Business Work	Merseyside Loan and Equity Fund			Energy Innovation Centre	
www.gov.uk (self service business support government website)	Business Angel Co-Investment Fund			International Festival of Business 2014	
Professional Services Support - various	North West Business Angels				
	Wirral Business Angels				



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