

The Alaska MEP

who we are and what we do

Alaska Food Protection Task Force

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UAA BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

Who We Are:

The go-to resource for manufacturers in Alaska.

- University/Federal Manufacturing Assistance Program
- UAA Business Enterprise Institute
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) **MEP National Network**
- Help advance manufacturing in Alaska

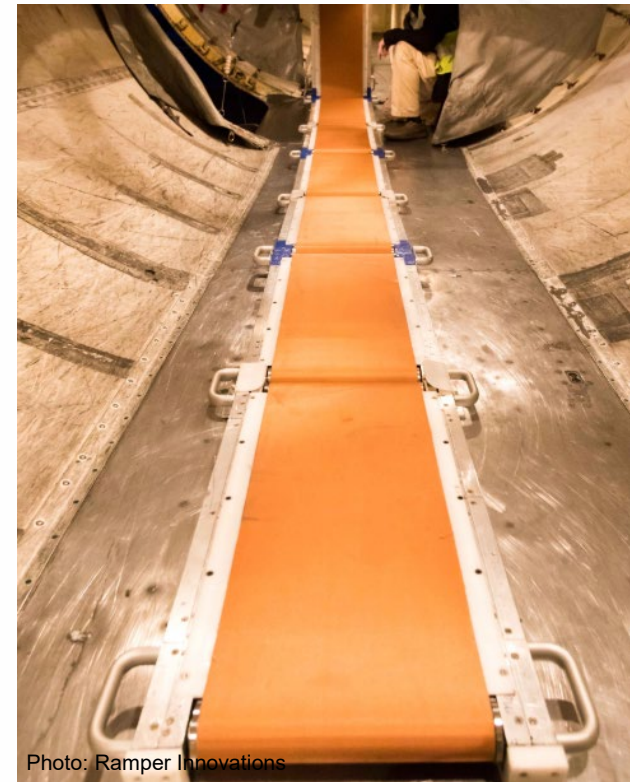


Photo: Ramper Innovations

What We Do:

- One-on-One services
 - Engineering
 - Supply Chain Assistance
 - Certifications
 - HACCP
 - AS 9100
- Industry Wide Services
 - Webinars
 - Cohort Workshops (HACCP, Marketing, Food Safety)
 - Education & Advocacy
 - Industry Development (ex: Kelp)

In a time when supply chains are crumbling MEP helped connect the links of the chain together that will help Alaskans stay strong and get through these trying times. Twister Creek Inc. will continue to work with MEP to provide products and services to Alaskans.

— John Krattiger , Brand Ambassador



Photo: Seward Brewing

Coordinating PPE Production:

- ▶ **Over 10,000 masks**
- ▶ **25 gallons of hand sanitizer**
- ▶ **375 face shields**
- ▶ **2,000 Tyvek coveralls**
- ▶ **700 gowns**
- ▶ **Giving Came First!**



Photo: Alpine Fit

How We Responded to COVID-19 :

- ▶ **Supply Chain Assistance**
- ▶ **Match-making**
- ▶ **Providing Designs and Standards**
- ▶ **Waiver of Liability Amendment**
- ▶ **Providing Guidance on Operating During the Pandemic**



FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
BY THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Offered: 3/28/20
Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

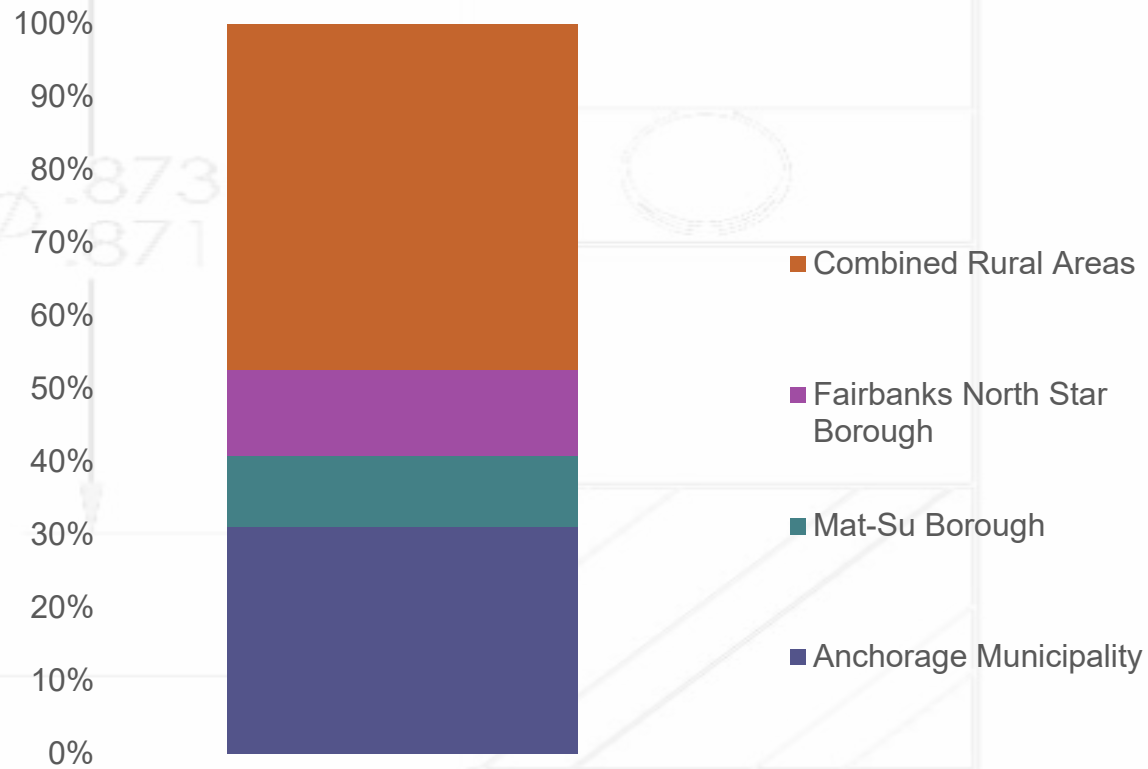
A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the March 11, 2020, governor's declaration of a public health
2 disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;
3 providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to
4 the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas: standing orders of the chief medical
5 officer; occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth;

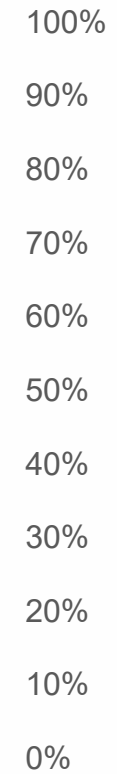
Half of the Business are Urban

But Only 1/4 of the Jobs

Percent of Manufacturing Businesses



Percent of Manufacturing Jobs



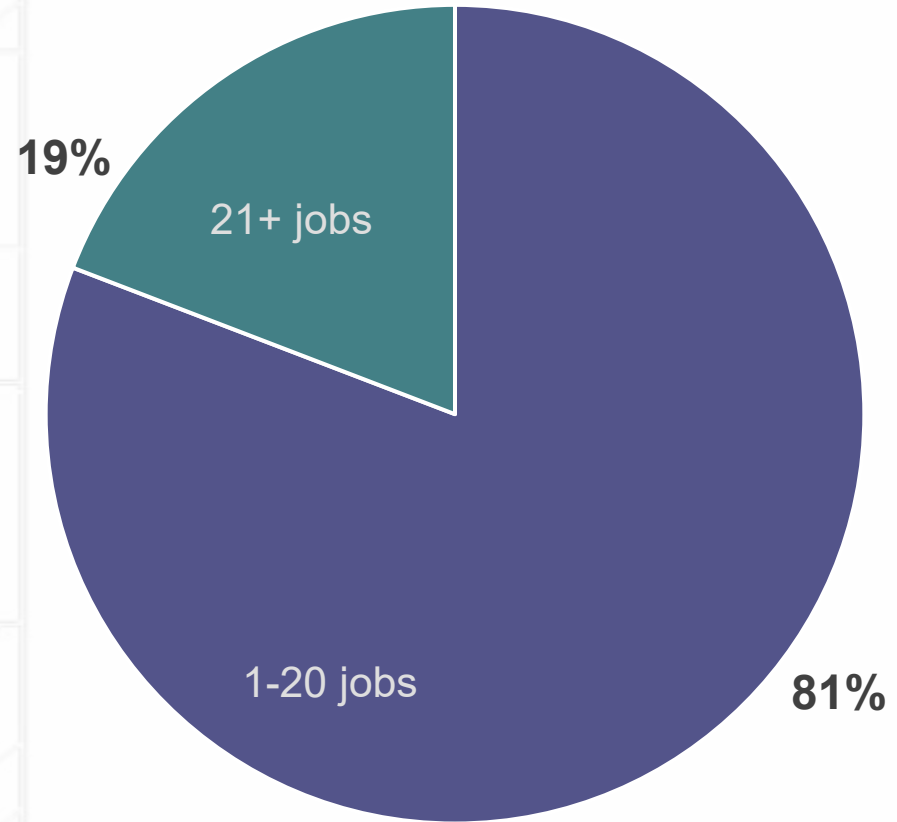
Source: AK Dept of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section



Most Alaska Manufacturers are Small



Percent of Manufacturing Businesses by Size





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.252

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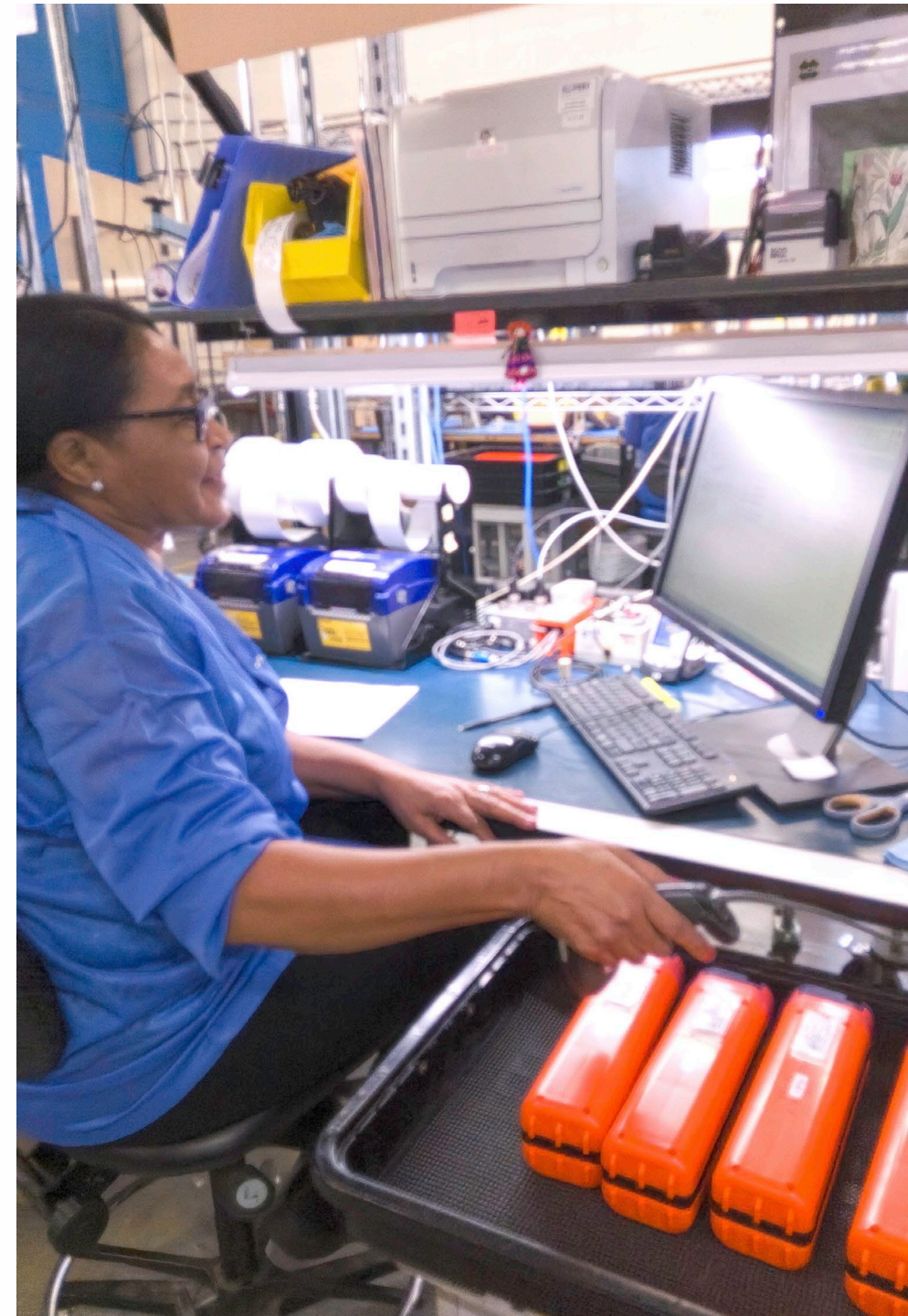


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Who We Help

- Focus on Small to Medium Sized Manufacturers
 - Less than 500 employees
 - Food Manufacturers
 - Metal Fabrication
 - 3D Printers
 - Clothing Manufacturers
 - And beyond!
- Any business with similar needs
- Manufacturer Supply Chain Companies





[They] reviewed our scheduled processes and test samples of our products in their food testing lab to ensure that they are within the limits required to produce a food-safe product.

We have also participated in the Better Process Control School and the HACCP Certification Courses (I & II) that they offer.

We send them a sample of every single SKU we produce for a process authority letter. We do this every time we reformulate and/or change our packaging, in order to be compliant with FDA/DEC regulations.

—
Jenn Brown, Owner of Foraged and Found

Most Requested Assistance:

- Scaling- Up
- Certifications
- In-State Supply Chain Connections
- National Supply Chain Scouting Connections
- Food Product Development
- Becoming More Efficient/Cost Savings



The Alaska MEP helped me to acquire the necessary surgical wrap to produce surgical masks that could be used by the healthcare industry.

—
*Jennifer Loofbourrow, CEO/Owner
Alpine Fit*

Current cohorts/ workshops

- Scaling up cohort
- Lean White Belt Certification Class
- E-Commerce cohort
- Supply Chain assistance cohort
- Process improvement evaluations

- Free Monthly Webinars
 - Business Benefits of ISO, May 20 11-12:30 p.m.

- Find upcoming webinars/workshops and register online: <https://alaska-mep.com/webinars>.





Upcoming Manufacturing Workshops:

- Online Marketing E-Commerce webinar/workshop
 - Three week course beginning May 27
 - Two live webinars, leading into a hands-on workshop!

**Contact us to
reserve your
spot today!**

QUESTIONS?



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