

Miller secures funds for Harbor Beach plant

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HARBOR BEACH — AG

Manufacturing here received a \$1 million grant this week to use to identify small, local manufacturing businesses that can help address supply needs of the military.

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, R-Shelby Township, announced the company will receive the grant as part of the Air Force's Manufacturing Technical Assistance Production Program.

"I am extremely proud to have helped secure this grant for a company in a place that direly needs this funding," Miller said in a press release. "It is critical we bring in more employment opportunities for

the hard-working residents of Huron County. Michigan was once the foremost producer of defense armaments in the nation during World War II and now we rank last in defense spending. Bringing more defense dollars to Michigan has been a principal advocacy of mine since taking office and I am committed to ensuring that residents in Huron County and the rest of Michigan are given more opportunities such as this to put their manufacturing skills to use."

A portion of the grant funding will be used to assist small manufacturing businesses with the technical assistance to improve their competitiveness and capabilities in order to win additional Army and Air Force contracts in Huron County.

"This is absolutely great news for

the area and company," said Huron County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Carl Osentoski. "This will diversify the product base and provide a stable base for employment in the area."

"All of our employees live in Huron County and this funding will allow us more opportunities to grow. This grant ensures that small manufacturing companies like AG Manufacturing can continue to provide services to the Air Force and the Department of Defense. We are very pleased and grateful to Congresswoman Miller for helping us get this," AG Manufacturing President Victor Edozian said in a press release.

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