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GENEDGE AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MEDACCRED PROJECT

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — GENEDGE received a \$1 million multi-year award from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for assistance in the Growth through MedAccred project.

The award was issued by NIST in response to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Competitive Awards Program submission by GENEDGE. The request for proposal related to critical manufacturing technologies; supply chain requirements; potential business services, including information services; and other technologies or services that would enhance global competitiveness for U.S. manufacturers.

MedAccred is an accreditation program for critical process manufacturing operations throughout the medical device and instrument supply chain. The Performance Review Institute (PRI) administers the program, which is designed to replicate the highly successful Aerospace Industry's NADCAP program. MEP Center capabilities in delivering Quality and Process Management services provide for an established, strong network for assisting suppliers for the accreditation audit. GENEDGE's President / Executive Director, Bill Donohue, noted that "GENEDGE's specific service offerings fit well in assisting companies through the audit process for this new accreditation program. Establishing these capabilities will ultimately help in the advancement of new technologies in the medical industry, enhancing Virginia company competitiveness in this high value global market."

MedAccred focuses on specific critical processes and products that require validation in order to prove that they are fit for purpose, satisfy regulatory requirements, and reduce patient and business risk. This award is primarily focused on training and certification of pilot MEP centers to create an accreditation audit preparation process for MedAccred accreditation. This capability will increase global competitiveness of medical device manufacturers, decrease costs, and increase safety in the industry. Through this funding award, GENEDGE will develop a business services set of offerings, in addition to the existing MEP supply chain services suite, that will support manufacturers in the MedAccred accreditation process throughout the U.S. The GENEDGE Lead for this program is Anthony Cerilli. He can be reached at (804) 517-1235, acerilli@genedge.org.

About GENEDGE:

GENEDGE is the Commonwealth's management consulting enterprise whose mission is to enhance the productivity and technological performance of Virginia's manufacturing and industry. We deliver consulting based expertise and technology transfer to over 200 companies each year. Our team helps clients expand, diversify, improve top & bottom line results, create jobs and sustain employment. We do this by helping our clients strategically innovate, compete and grow.

Our national affiliation with the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) network provides access to industry-wide services and proven, results-based solutions. GENEDGE affiliates include the Manufacturing Technology Center (MTC) in Wytheville, VA, the Old Dominion University Technology Applications Center (TAC) in Norfolk, VA, and a premier network of over 50 partners and service providers. For more information please visit www.genedge.org.

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