



Precision Manufacturing Regional Alliance Project (PMRAP)

Memorandum of Agreement

Between the

**Western Massachusetts Chapter-National Tooling and Machining Association
University of Massachusetts- Amherst
Regional Employment Board of Hampden County Inc.**

I. Purpose of This Memorandum

This **Memorandum of Agreement** (MOA), signed on **December 17, 2009**, articulates agreements creating a working relationship between the parties listed below that are partnering in the Precision Manufacturing Regional Alliance Project (PMRAP). This partnership will result in collaborative work on new technology initiatives, and the implementation of tasks that will transform the capability of the precision machining companies in the Pioneer Valley Region to be innovative, and position them to secure the long term economic benefits of future production and employment as new research and technologies are commercialized in the marketplace. The Regional Employment Board of Hampden County Inc. ("REB") will provide specific resources and technical assistance in the development and sustainment of the agreements in this MOA.

II. Term

This Memorandum of Agreement will be in effect from **December 17, 2009** to **December 31, 2010**.

III. Partners

- + University of Massachusetts- Amherst (UMASS)
- + Western Massachusetts Chapter-National Tooling and Machining Association (WMNTMA)
- + Regional Employment Board of Hampden County Inc. (REB)

IV. Statements of Agreement

University of Massachusetts-Amherst Agrees to the Following:

1. Serve on the PMRAP Steering Committee and other related committees that may evolve during the life of the project.
2. Collaborate in the design and implementation of the Technology Innovation Forums that will result in identifying solution approaches to short and long term technology development issues.

