

Food Manufacturing Specialist - TechHelp at the University of Idaho in Boise

Are you looking for a mission-driven organization that works as a collaborative team with a great purpose?

Are you inspired to create impact and make client and partner connections in Idaho?

Are you seeking an exciting career opportunity working within an organization that would benefit from your talents in business development and outreach to Idaho manufacturers and a network of regional resources?

Join our team to enhance the regional manufacturing community and use your knowledge and experience to help build Idaho's manufacturing sector.

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Position Description

This University of Idaho position reports operationally to TechHelp, Idaho's NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center, headquartered at Boise State University.

TechHelp, Idaho's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) center, is seeking a talented, creative, and curious manufacturing specialist for our Southern Idaho region in our Boise office. In this role, you will drive business growth and manage technical and training services for Idaho manufacturers, including food manufacturers. This position will develop relationships and trust with client companies' leadership to consult on continuous improvement, advanced manufacturing, business management, and growth strategies to create lasting economic and jobs impact. As a manufacturing specialist, you will work in a fun and fast-paced team environment and be a part of the rich history of the University of Idaho and TechHelp.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Proactively engage company leaders to make decisions on critical improvement initiatives and develop business opportunities to provide consulting services.
- Assist clients with continuous improvement and advanced manufacturing implementation, training, and technical assistance, including vetting additional consulting resources to meet client needs.
- Stay on the cutting edge of advanced manufacturing methods as an affiliate of the nationwide NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership.
- Collaborate to meet client needs with TechHelp Manufacturing Specialists, partner MEP centers, private consultants, and university (Boise State, Idaho State, University of Idaho) faculty, staff, and students.
- Travel approximately 25% of the time to support Idaho's manufacturers with the discovery and delivery of projects and training.
- Develop ongoing relationships with the top leadership of regional public and private organizations.
- Using a high level of autonomy, effectively champion TechHelp's internal and external capabilities to achieve near and long-term ROI.

At a minimum, you should have:

- A Bachelor's degree in engineering, food science, manufacturing, business, or related field; plus 5 years of demonstrated experience in
 - working in, consulting with, or selling to a food manufacturer.
 - Implementing-continuous improvement manufacturing principles.

- Experience with cloud-based applications, spreadsheets, databases, data analysis tools, engineering design, and CRM tools.

The preferred candidate will have:

- A Master's Degree in engineering, food science, manufacturing, business, or related field.
- Experience in the following:
 - Working as a consultant and ability to develop relationships with senior leadership and supervisory roles
 - Leading organizations and managing projects that create transformational change
 - Decision making on and implementation of advanced manufacturing technologies
- Excellent communication skills

Required Other:

- Must meet the University of Idaho requirements for driving a vehicle
- Possession of a valid driver's license for travel throughout the region and the state is required

Salary and benefits: The salary hiring range is \$85,000 - \$93,000, depending on experience. The position is eligible for an incentive plan and includes excellent benefits that provide health and financial protection plans and resources to promote health and well-being. Learn more about our benefit options at <https://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources/benefits/>.

Required Application Materials: Cover letter, resume, and 3 references.

Closing Date: Applications received by August 20, 2024 will receive first consideration.

About TechHelp

As a part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology- Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP) National Network, TechHelp gives Idaho companies access to the knowledge and expertise of a national network of 1,500 manufacturing experts at 51 Centers (<https://www.nist.gov/mep>).

A partnership of Boise State, the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, and the Idaho Manufacturing Alliance, TechHelp is proud to be Idaho's NIST MEP center. Our team provides statewide access to services and resources from university-based offices in Boise, Post Falls, Twin Falls, and Pocatello. Our mission is to grow Idaho manufacturers, food processors, and entrepreneurs and improve their competitiveness through continuous product and process innovation.

As Idaho's Economic Development Administration University Center, TechHelp leverages university resources to create growth and jobs in rural and underserved areas of Idaho. Across the state, we give our clients access to a network of local, regional, and national resources through our university, private sector, and national MEP resource providers.

About TechHelp: <https://www.techhelp.org/>

About the College Engineering: <http://www.uidaho.edu/engr>

About the University of Idaho: <http://www.uidaho.edu/>