

### **38) PennTAP - The Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program** Community Engagement

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The Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP) is a statewide technical assistance organization charged with supporting Pennsylvania businesses and anchor institutions — including manufacturers, municipalities, educational institutions, entrepreneurs, and economic development agencies. As a department within Penn State OOE, PennTAP offers unique access to small and mid-sized companies located throughout the Commonwealth. Our relationships with industry are built on providing value added services in areas such as - energy assessments, pollution prevention, energy management systems, product development and student intern placement. We also work closely with faculty to provide experiential learning opportunities for students. In 2017, we provided over 100 students with engaged scholarship opportunities. We also support the Learning Factory in the College of Engineering by providing projects supported by our clients. We work closely with student entrepreneurs at all the campuses to provide them with information on resources that are available to them locally and within the PSU network. Since 1965, PennTAP has delivered services and solutions to countless Pennsylvania businesses and professionals, creating a legacy of documented economic impact within the state and positive returns on investments to funding partners. In the past 10 years alone, PennTAP has worked with more than 2,700 organizations, who have reported approximately \$150 million in economic benefits and the creation or retention of more than 1,900 Pennsylvania jobs. PennTAP is a resource for community engagement, innovation and entrepreneurship and access to industry.