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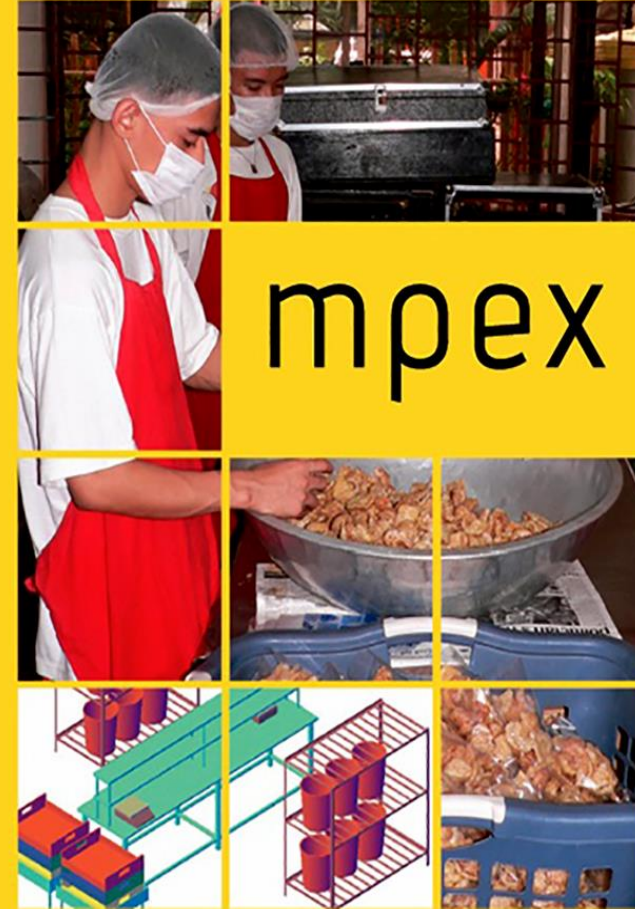
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MANUFACTURING PRODUCTIVITY EXTENSION PROGRAM



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What is MPEX?

Manufacturing Productivity Extension Program (MPEX) is DOST's program that assists micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the manufacturing sector to attain higher productivity through improvements in the overall operation of the firm.

Objectives of MPEX?

- Identify strategies to improve productivity of micro, small and medium manufacturing enterprises;
- Recommend productivity improvement measures for immediate implementation;
- Develop capability to provide other forms of assistance to develop the manufacturing sectors and
- Provide a venue for the entries of the other DOST programs and projects particularly technology transfer activities.

Duration of Consultancy Study

Each productivity consultancy shall be completed within four (4) man-months from contract signing including one (1) man-month for installation of recommendations.

Program Beneficiaries

1. Manufacturing firms under the following sector:

Food Processing

Furniture

Gifts and Holiday Décor (GHD)

Fashion Accessories

Metals and Engineering

Health Products & Pharmaceuticals

ICT/Electronics

2. Firms that belong to the following classification:

Micro enterprise 1 - 3M

Small enterprise 3,000,001 - 15M Medium enterprise

15,000,001 - 100M

Productivity Study Areas

The productivity consultancy services shall focus on improvement of the following:

- Capability Utilization
- Product Design and Packaging
- Plant Layout
- Production Planning and Control
- Materials Management System
- Quality Control/Assurance System
- Safety and Housekeeping Practices or Facilities
- Financial Systems and Control

How to avail of the MPEX program?

A. Application

- Submit a formal letter request for MPEX assistance to the DOST Provincial S&T Office or the office of the Regional Director.

B. Screening

- Potential beneficiaries endorsed will be evaluated based on the criteria set by the program;
- Pre-qualification of firms will be done by DOST 7 in consultation with firm beneficiary and the team of consultants.

How is MPEX conducted?

- The MPEX team visits the plant for initial data gathering and documentation. The MPEX team prepares an Inception Report which contains a Work Program for approval by DOST 7.
- Firm assigns personnel to assist the MPEX team during project implementation.
- The MPEX team will conduct plant visit to observe the entire production processes and operations.
- The MPEX team in consultation with the firm identifies areas where productivity improvement potentials are highly possible.
- The MPEX team carries out an in-depth analysis on the selected productivity improvement concern and formulates recommendations for implementation of the firm beneficiary.
- If needed, services of technology experts relevant to the firm's operation will also be tapped.
- Recommendations are discussed and validated with the firm's management and whenever possible, implemented immediately.
- A final report will be submitted by the team to the DOST 7 Regional Office at the end of consultancy, documenting the assessment, analysis, evaluation and recommendations made.