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1. Charrette - RFP Published: Oct 2015
2. Partner Ed. & Training Seminar - NOT STARTED: Nov 2015
This grant project was developed by ECWRPC in cooperation with numerous partners who are vested in the project outcomes and bring their expertise and resources to the table in order to improve the overall economic development ‘ecosystem’ within the greater Oshkosh Region. This project involves entities such as the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), the City of Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and local technical colleges, Workforce Development Boards, County and regional Economic Development Corporations and Partnerships, the New North, Inc. and the Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WMEP).

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Oshkosh Region Defense Industry Diversification Initiative

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