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• WMU’s Green Manufacturing project will perform applied research and development efforts to assist manufacturing industries improve their economic competitiveness. The research will emphasize the union of environment, energy and manufacturing principles in a collaborative approach with participation from the basic and applied sciences, and engineering disciplines.

• The project will assist industry and government to assess and implement sustainable (environmental and energy) systems related to green practices. Special emphasis will be on smaller companies that lack technical expertise to deal with new innovations. For example, materials, designs and processes will be created that are more environmentally friendly, energy efficient, and economically viable, so that companies are better equipped to compete in worldwide markets.

• This funding initiative will build upon the success of the existing manufacturing, environment and energy research centers and programs at WMU. Green Manufacturing will support collaboration with industry to develop strategies, procedures, and systems to achieve economically feasible, environmentally benign, and energy efficient manufacturing processes.