

Scale Your Competitive Advantage

Reduce risk. Validate investments.
Accelerate modernization.

NOW ACCEPTING PROJECT PROPOSALS!

Tariffs, rising costs and supply chain uncertainty are forcing small to medium-sized enterprise (SME) manufacturers to make difficult decisions.

SmartScale helps Southern Ontario SMEs to improve productivity, lower operating costs and build more resilient operations through implementation-focused support.



Before you invest in automation, AI, digital systems or process improvements, validate the opportunity first.

Why Manufacturers Choose SmartScale



Improve productivity and operational performance



Lower operating costs and reduce waste



Evaluate right-sized technologies with confidence



Strengthen supply chain resilience



Create a more competitive and sustainable business

The SmartScale Difference

It's about implementation, not just advice.

SmartScale combines expert guidance, practical tools and hands-on support to help SMEs move from opportunity identification to real results.

SmartScale bridges the gap.



Turn Investment Into Advantage

SMEs can access public investment, expert partners and implementation support to significantly expand project value and accelerate results.

Eligible projects may access up to 4:1 project leverage.

A Collaborative Model for Measurable Results



PUBLIC INVESTMENT

Leverages federal support through FedDev Ontario and RTRI to expand project value



EXPERT PARTNERS

Connects you with specialists in manufacturing, technology providers and implementation partners



STRUCTURED SUPPORT

Provides proven methodologies, project delivery and change management support to reduce risk and accelerate results



IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

Helps you move from opportunity identification to implementation — turning ideas into progress

Project Eligibility

Projects that meet the following criteria are eligible for the SmartScale program:



SMEs (10-499 employees) with operations in Southern Ontario.



Priority areas: Automotive, steel and related sectors. Companies with advanced manufacturing operations also invited to apply.



Must demonstrate measurable tariff-related pressures, including impacts on productivity, competitiveness, operating costs, market access, or supply chain resilience. Projects must help address these pressures.

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and apply:**



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Powered by Canada's Manufacturing Ecosystem

SmartScale connects manufacturers with a national network of industry experts, technology providers, researchers and implementation partners who understand the realities of manufacturing operations. You don't have to navigate modernization alone.

More than a decade of manufacturing results

Helping Canadian manufacturers improve productivity, strengthen competition and accelerate innovation.



\$55M+

public and private investment



45+

industry-led projects supported



\$250M+

follow-on investment generated



800+

industry, academic and ecosystem stakeholders

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