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Abbreviations

ASM	Annual Survey of Manufactures, U.S. Census Bureau
BFTC	Ben Franklin Technology Center, Pennsylvania
BOS	Business Outreach Services, University of Georgia
CAD	Computer-aided design
CAM	Computer-aided manufacturing
CAMP	Cleveland Advanced Manufacturing Program
CES	Center for Economic Studies, U.S. Census Bureau
CMC	Chicago Manufacturing Center
CONN/STEP	Connecticut State Technology Extension Program
CTC	Concurrent Technologies Corporation, Pennsylvania
EDI	Electronic data interchange
FTE	Full-time equivalent (employees)
GAO	General Accounting Office, U.S. Congress
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GLMTC	Great Lakes Manufacturing Technology Center
GMEA	Georgia Manufacturing Extension Alliance
IFC	Interfirm collaboration
IRC	Industrial Resource Center, Pennsylvania
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
LAN	Local area network
LRD	Longitudinal research database, U.S. Census Bureau
MAMTC	Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center
MEC	Manufacturing Extension Center
MEP	Manufacturing Extension Partnership
MEP-SWPA	Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Southwest Pennsylvania
MMP	Massachusetts Manufacturing Partnership
MTC	Manufacturing Technology Center
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NOM-SBDC	Northern Ohio Manufacturing Small Business Development Center
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
R&D	Research and development
REMI	Regional Economic Models, Inc.
RTD	Research and technological development
RTS	Regional Technology Strategies, Inc., North Carolina
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBDC	Small Business Development Center
SIC	Standard industrial classification
SME	Small and medium-size manufacturing enterprise
SPIRC	Southwest Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center
SSEL	Standard statistical establishment list, U.S. Census Bureau
TAP	Technical assistance project
TDC	Technology Development Center, Western New York
TFP	Total factor productivity
TRP	Technology Reinvestment Project

