



What DARPA wants from small businesses

We will be exhibiting at booth 667 at the upcoming SPIE Defense & Commercial Sensing conference in Baltimore, which runs April 14-18.

We are looking forward to hearing a talk by Timothy Grayson, the Director of DARPA's Strategic Technology Office.

DARPA, short for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, is how the Defense Department leverages the innovation of small businesses across the country. DARPA funding is essential to help bring new technologies from labs into the U.S. arsenal.

As the speed of technological advancement is increasing the world over, DARPA and the Pentagon are pouring more and more money into small business funding.

To learn the 10 focus areas DARPA deems most critical to keep our military on the cutting-edge in 2019 — and to see how small businesses can apply for funding — check out our most recent blog:

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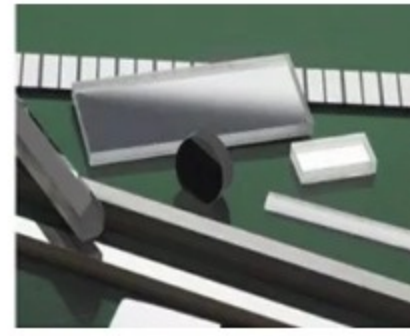
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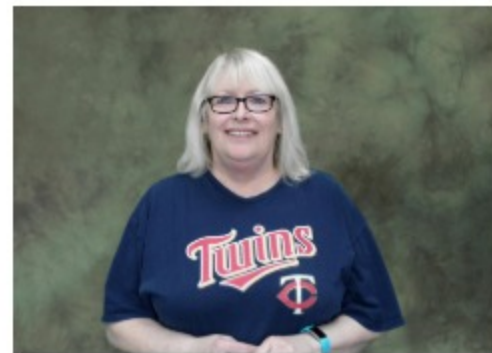
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Pam Behr



Originally starting out 4 years ago in the Trumpf cell, lapping and polishing parts, Pam transitioned into her new location in the PX cell, where she is the glue that keeps the PX cell rockin' and rollin' every day.

Known as the Sr. Processing Coordinator, Pam measures, pre-inspects, loads, and coordinates production movement of material lots within the largest production cell within IRD Glass. She also helps as needed with cleaning parts. On the tail end, you will find Pam busy preparing boxes and labels to ship out to their final destinations.

Pam says, "There is never a dull moment." She loves the challenges of randomly alternating from one job to the next and keeping processes going as the day changes. This also allows Pam to interact with other IRD cell groups, making it feel like family and "treating everyone well and making you feel important."

Pam and Bob reside in Litchfield alongside their furry friend Bucky. Most of her family is within visiting distance. As time permits, she enjoys spending it with her 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Keeping active in sport activities helps Pam remain spry as she enjoys shooting pool, playing volleyball and softball, and enjoys bowling with friends. She once won a trip to Las Vegas which was great fun.

On free weekends, she antiques with her brother and sister-in-law or is catching fish while camping.

If you stop in for a tour, be sure to say hello.

My grandma was talking to my dad about her new hearing aid. "It's the most expensive one you can buy, she said. "It cost me \$4,000." "What kind is it?" "It's 4:15."

I wanted to marry my English teacher when she got out of jail, but apparently you can't end a sentence with a proposition.

I bought a dog from blacksmith once. As soon as I got it home it made a bolt for the door.

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