

Accelerating Advanced Manufacturing

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Supercharge U.S. Manufacturing

To build and secure U.S. industrial capacity, high-impact **technologies** are needed to reach **commercial-scale adoption** by domestic manufacturers

Innovative technologies provide a competitive edge for the U.S.

- Increase productivity:
Boost worker output and manufacturing process efficiencies.
- Build new capabilities:
Create new products, new markets, and strengthen economic and national security.
- Amplify supply chains:
Power up the small- and medium-sized manufacturers that form OEM supply chains. Multiply competitive advantages at every level.



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- Technology provides a competitive edge for U.S. industry
- Catalyze investment for technology to reach commercial scale faster
- Leverage points
 - De-risk investments in new technology
 - Accelerate technology adoption at scale







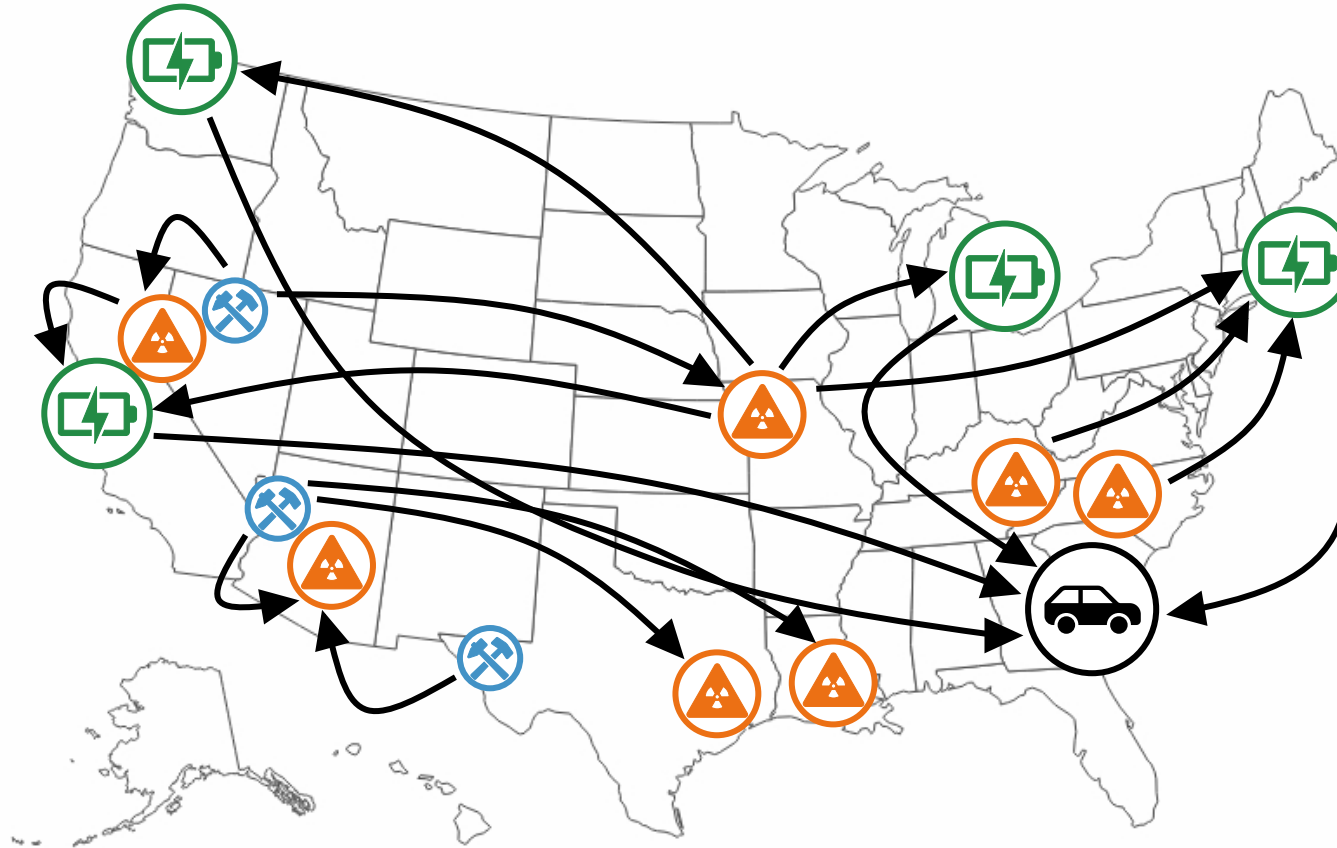
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Technology at Scale: Complex Networks

-  **OEM**
Auto manufacturer
-  **Tier 1 Supplier**
Battery manufacturer
-  **Tier 2 Supplier**
Materials processing, chemicals supplier
-  **Tier 3 Supplier**
Raw material supplier



“In a modern economy, innovation must not only be invented—it must be diffused. **Knowledge has economic impact only when it is transmitted to firms and deployed at scale.**”

- *Center for a Prosperous America (CPS)*

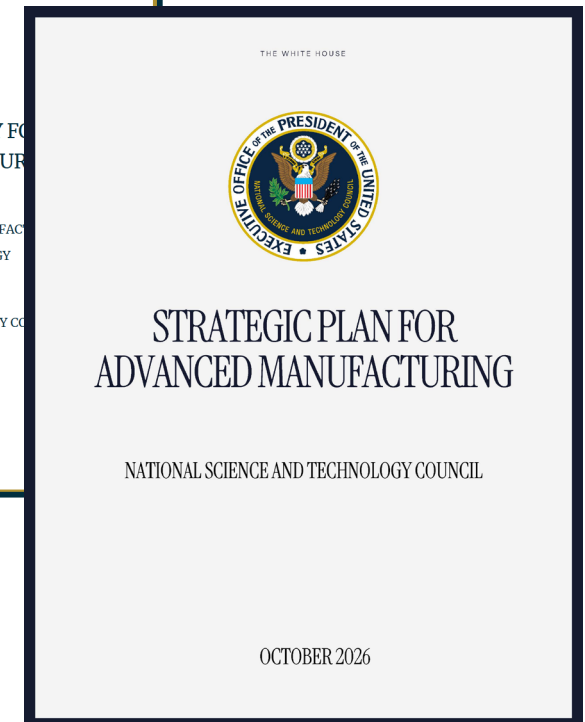
National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) solicited input for the 2026-2030 National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing

Public input has identified **science and technology areas** that will be key to the next generation of innovative advanced manufacturing technologies

Stakeholders stress the importance of not only **investing in R&D** but also **deploying U.S. innovations at industrial scale**

<https://www.nist.gov/oam/national-strategic-plan-advanced-manufacturing>



Per statute, revised every four years with stakeholder input

National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing

Collect responses

26 town halls completed
Over 2,000 participants
716 unique responses



Town halls



Regulations.gov

205 responses
1,659 pages of online
submissions: text, slides,
Word docs, PDFs

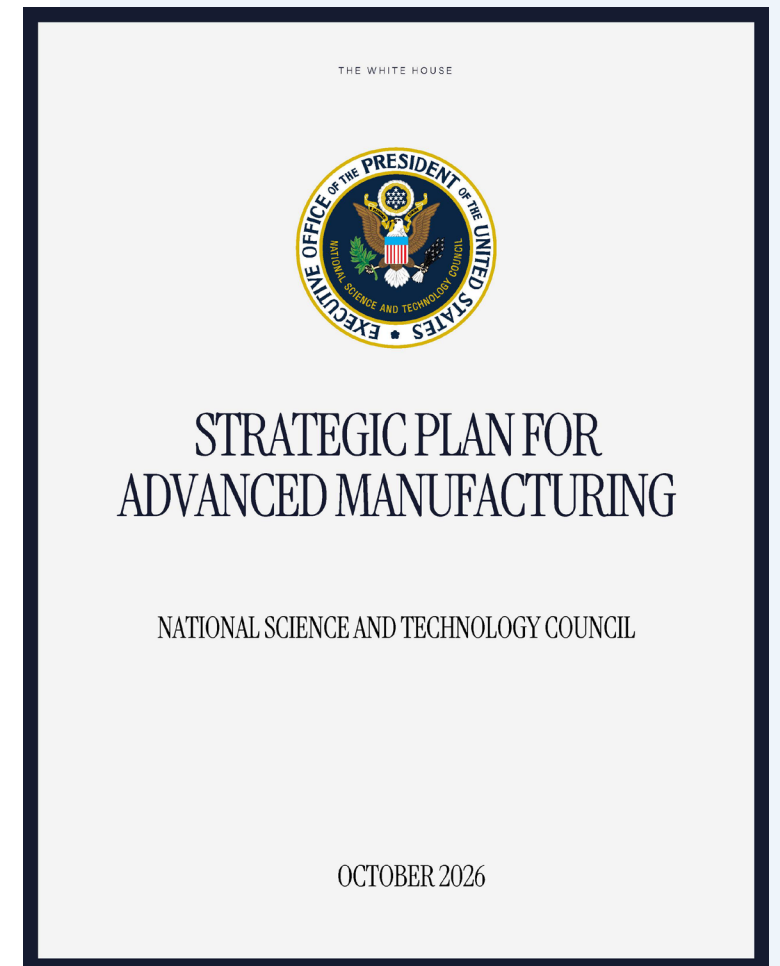
Consolidate and analyze
input



Data analysis

* AI-supported

Develop Federal Adv. Mfg.
Strategic Plan

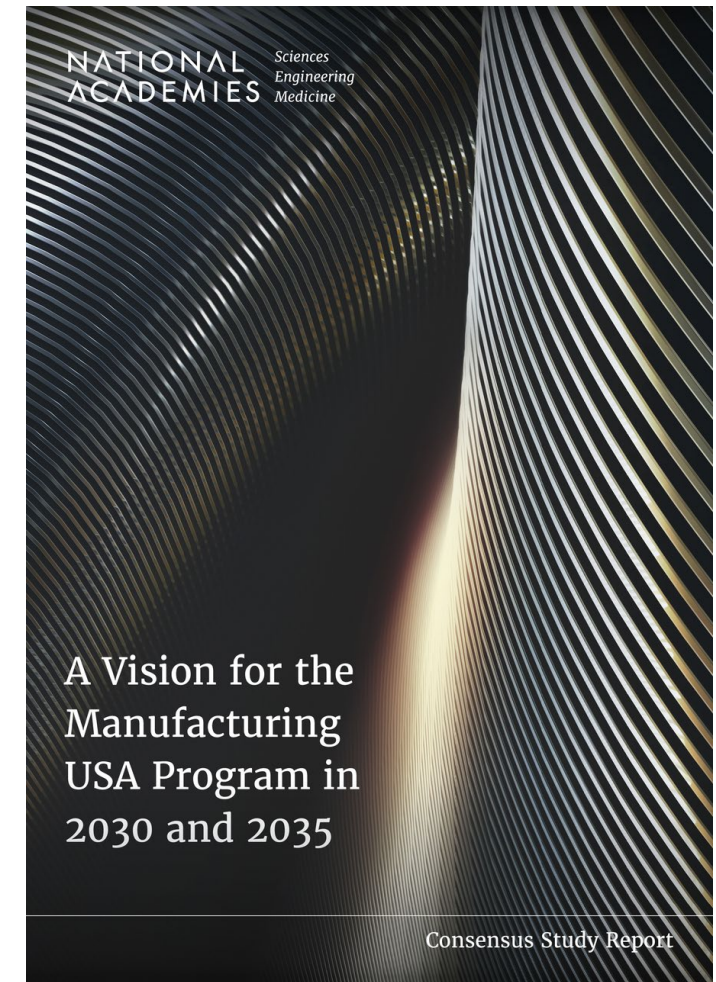


NASEM Study: Manufacturing USA

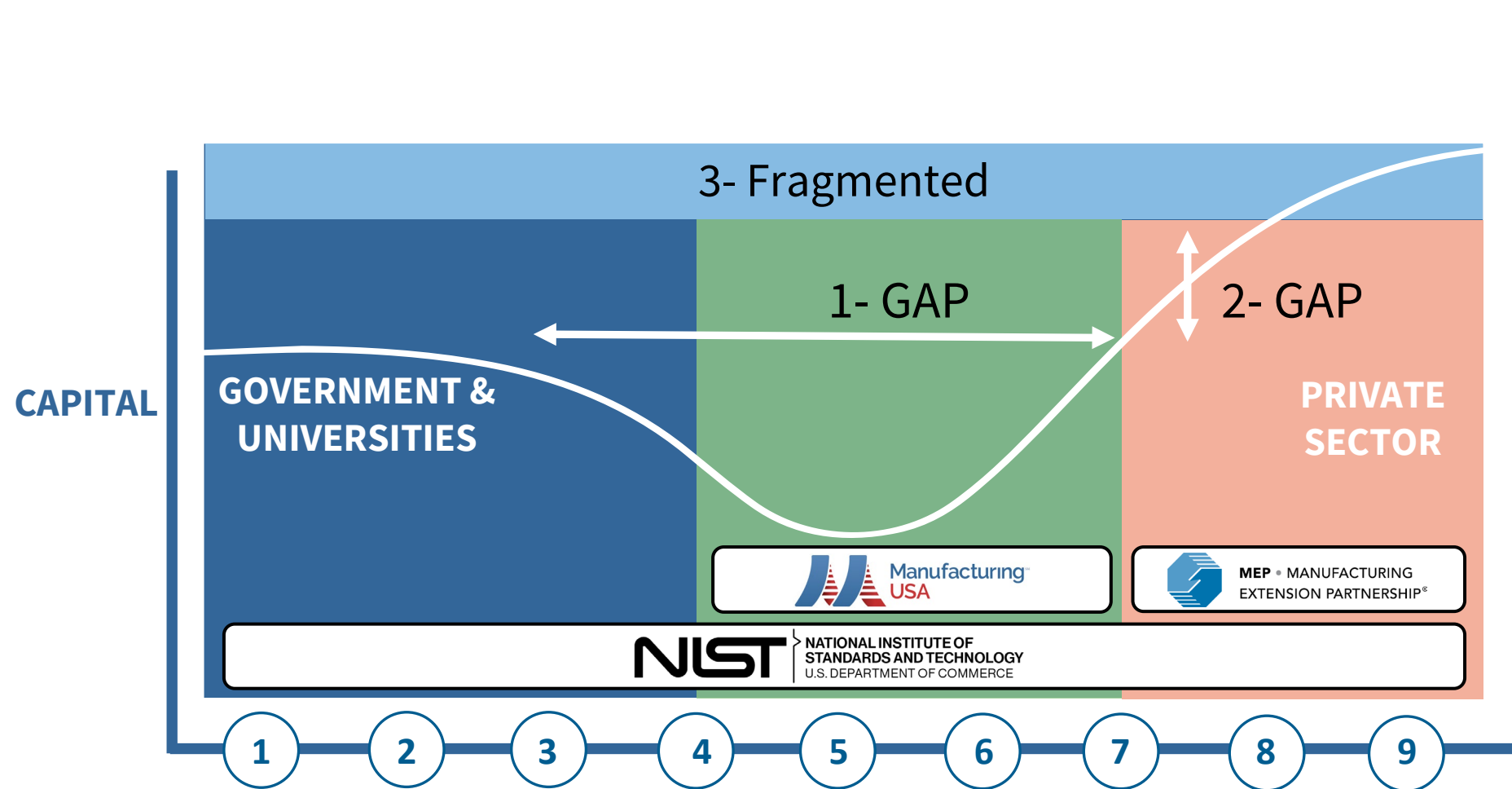
Examines how the Manufacturing USA program can be strengthened to meet the nation's manufacturing challenges over the next decade and beyond.

Makes recommendations across four critical areas —

- technology transfer,
- interagency and cross-network collaboration,
- regional manufacturing ecosystems, and
- education and workforce development.



Manufacturing Technology Adoption & Scale Up



MRL = Manufacturing Readiness Level

Barriers / Gaps

1. "Valley of Death"

- Moving from laboratory demo to prototype.
- Requires solutions for pre-competitive, shared problems.

2. Scale-up "Mountain"

- Moving from prototype solutions to commercial scales
- Often requires high CapEx facilities to reach scaled-up production

3. Fragmented Tech Stack

- Different MRL levels are addressed by different organizations
- Standards, data, and foundational R&D facilitate integration

NIST Manufacturing Initiatives



Technology Transition
Roadmaps



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EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP®

Technology Acceleration
Pilot

Manufacturing USA

VISION: Securing U.S. Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing

MISSION: **Connecting people, ideas, and technology to:**

- Solve industry-relevant advanced manufacturing challenges
- Enhance industrial competitiveness and economic growth
- Strengthen our economic and national security



Credit: America Makes



Credit: BioFabUSA



Credit: America Makes 10

Manufacturing USA Network

ELECTRONICS



Integrated
Photonics
Albany, NY
Rochester, NY



Flexible Hybrid
Electronics
San Jose, CA



Wide Bandgap
Semiconductors
Raleigh, NC

MATERIALS



Advanced Fibers
and Textiles
Cambridge, MA



Advanced
Composites
Knoxville, TN



Materials
Detroit, MI



Sustainable
Manufacturing
Rochester, NY

DIGITAL/AUTOMATION



Additive Manufacturing
Youngstown, OH
El Paso, TX



Advanced Robotics
Pittsburgh, PA



Smart
Manufacturing
Los Angeles, CA



Cybersecurity in
Manufacturing
San Antonio, TX



Digital Manufacturing
Chicago, IL

BIOMANUFACTURING



Regenerative
Manufacturing
Manchester, NH



Bioindustrial
Manufacturing
St. Paul, MN



Biopharmaceutical
Manufacturing
Newark, DE

ENERGY/PROCESSES



Electrified Industrial
Processes
Tempe, AZ



Modular Chemical
Process Intensification
New York, NY

Manufacturing USA Annual Network Impacts



Work with
3,100+
Member
Organizations



Collaborate on
870+
major applied
research and
development
projects



Engage
206,700+
people with
workforce
knowledge and
skills in advanced
manufacturing



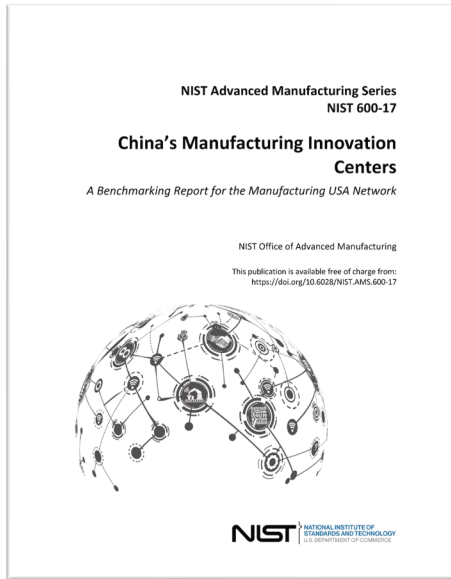
Invest
\$526.4M
in these activities
from state, industry,
and federal funds

**Annual
Impacts
FY 2024**

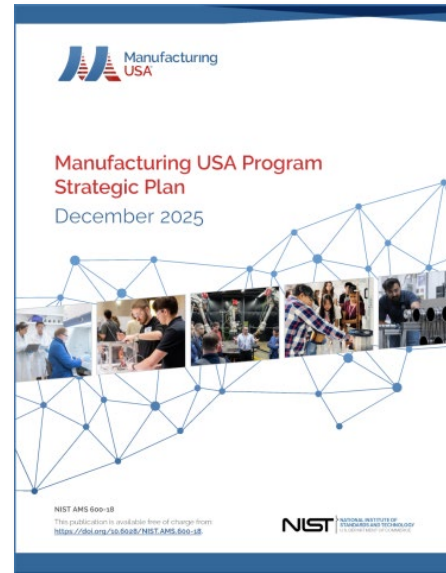
Our efforts help ensure **what's invented here
is made here by a skilled American workforce.**

NIST Office of Advanced Manufacturing 2025 Publications

China's Manufacturing Innovation Centers



Manufacturing USA 2025 Strategic Plan



Manufacturing USA Competency Framework



Manufacturing USA Annual Report



MFG USA: Technology Transition Roadmaps

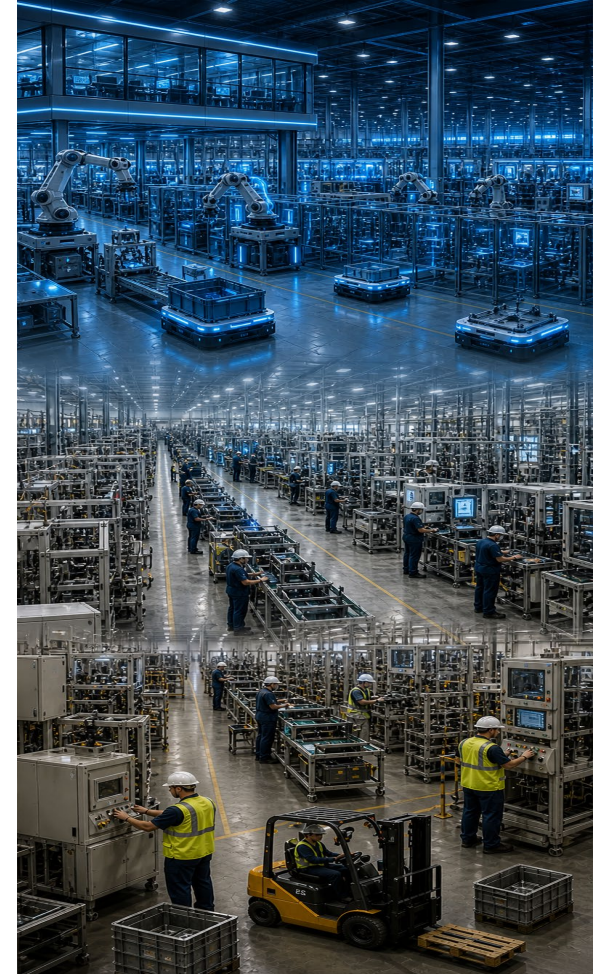
Competitive pilot program to develop **actionable roadmaps** for transitioning technologies from pilot-scale to commercial-scale production

MFG USA Institutes will detail how **scaling and commercializing technology** will meaningfully impact domestic manufacturing

Outline essential infrastructure, resources, capabilities, and partnerships necessary to navigate scale-up and deployment of manufacturing innovations

Specifics:

- Eligibility limited to existing Manufacturing USA institutes
- Multiple awards, each not to exceed \$550,000



Credit: Perplexity

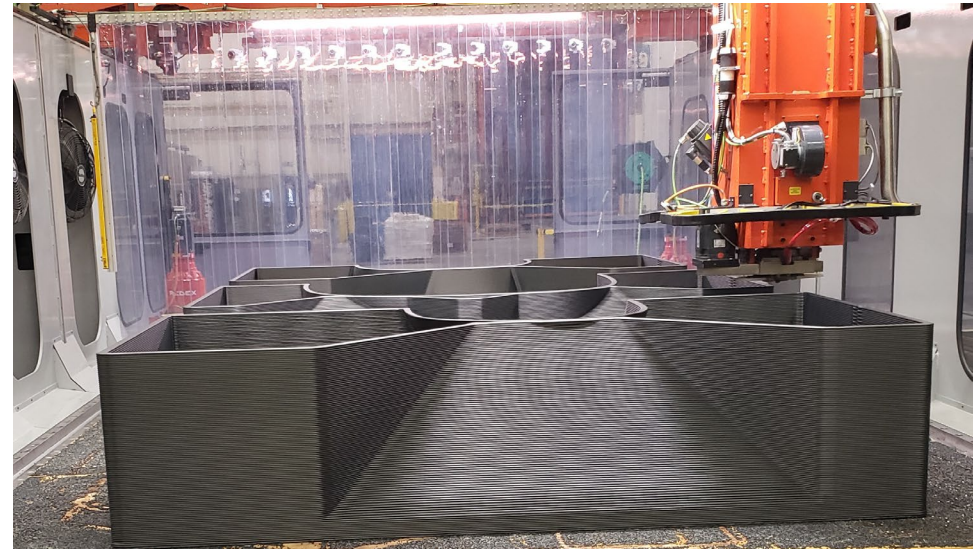
Manufacturing Extension Partnership

VISION: Enhance the productivity and technological performance in United States manufacturing

MISSION: Strengthen and empower small- and medium-sized U.S. manufacturers through state-designated MEP Centers located across the U.S. and Puerto Rico



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MEP Program Characteristics



Centers **across the U.S. and in Puerto Rico**



Public-private partnership with **national reach and local support**



Leverages partners to maximize impact



Transfer technology and expertise to manufacturers



Support **workforce development** for the skills needed in advanced manufacturing



Support **supply chains and supplier scouting** (SCOIN pilot program)

MEP: Technology Acceleration Pilot

- Competitive pilot program to accelerate the adoption and commercialization of advanced manufacturing technologies
- Development and validation of **shared technology frameworks** to:
 - Accelerate advanced manufacturing methods, or
 - Defragment supply chains into robust networks
- Topics
 - **Additive manufacturing** for aerospace components
 - A domestic **critical minerals** supply chain



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