

# NIST Update

## Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

James K. Olthoff

Associate Director performing the Nonexclusive Duties of  
the NIST Director

# VCAT Member Changes

## Allen Adler (Chair)

Term ends January 24, 2022



## In Grateful Recognition

National Institute of  
Standards and Technology  
Hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to

*E. Allen Adler*

For his active engagement, generous contribution of time and talents, wise counsel, and leadership as a member and Chair of the NIST Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology from January 2016 through January 2022. Dr. Adler's efforts played an important role in advancing NIST's programs related to precision metrology, emerging technologies, and advanced manufacturing.

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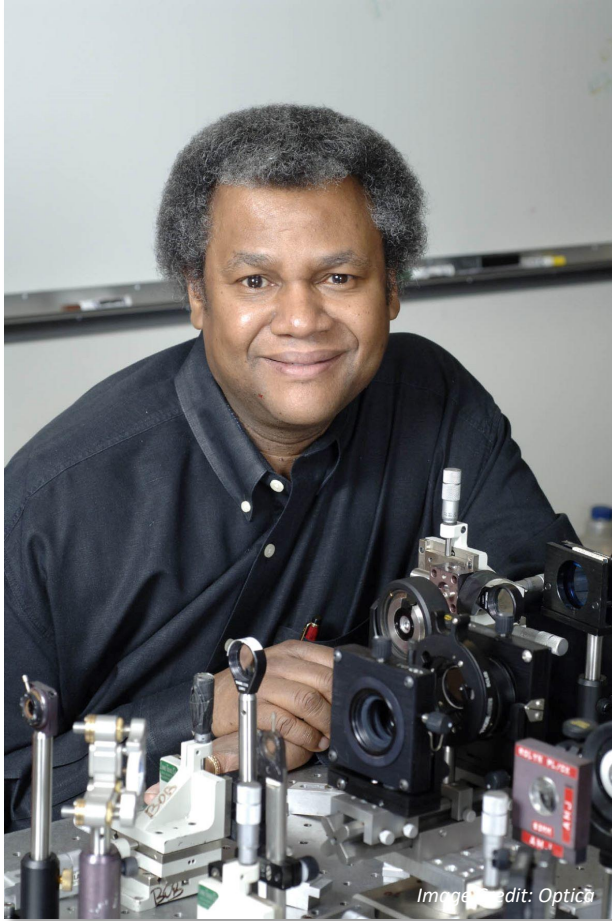
## Waguih Ishak

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# Welcome New VCAT Member



## **Anthony M. Johnson**

Director of the Center for Advanced  
Studies in Photonics Research (CASPR)

University of Maryland Baltimore County  
(UMBC)





## **Dr. Laurie Locascio**

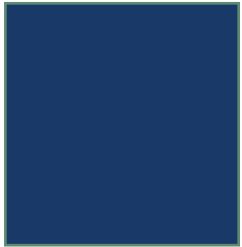
Nominee for Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, NIST Director

Vice President for Research at the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore

At NIST:

- Acting Principal Deputy Director and Associate Director for Laboratory Programs (ADLP)
- Material Measurement Laboratory (MML) Director

# NIST Leadership Changes



**Jennifer Huergo**

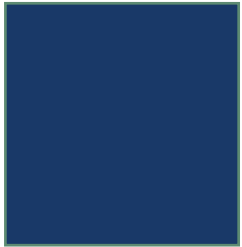
Director,  
Public Affairs Office



**Jeffrey DiVietro**

Acting Director, Technology  
Partnerships Office (TPO)





## **Ms. Pravina Raghavan**

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Director,  
Hollings Manufacturing  
Extension Partnership (MEP)



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# Meeting Agenda

**Session I: NIST Update**

**Session II: Budget Update**

**Session III: NIST Climate In-Depth Discussion**

**Session IV: Cybersecurity In-Depth Discussion**



NIST Program Update –  
continued progress on our priorities

# Session I: NIST Program Update



- NIST Update and Agenda Review
- Innovation and Industry Services Update
- Champlain Towers South Collapse Investigation Update
- NCNR Restart Update
- Safety Update

## AI Risk Management Framework

- Request for information JUL – SEP
- First virtual public workshop 19 – 21 OCT

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## U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC)

- First meeting SEP 2021 had a focus on AI
- U.S. and EU to explore collaboration on privacy-preserving AI

## National AI Advisory Committee (NAIAC)

- Established launched call for nominations SEP
- To advise on AI topics including state of science and U.S. competitiveness, workforce issues

## Hardware for AI

- Fabricating, measuring brain-inspired circuits and architectures
- Intersection of AI and quantum electromagnetics, nanoscale devices, applied physics

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# Quantum Information Sciences Updates

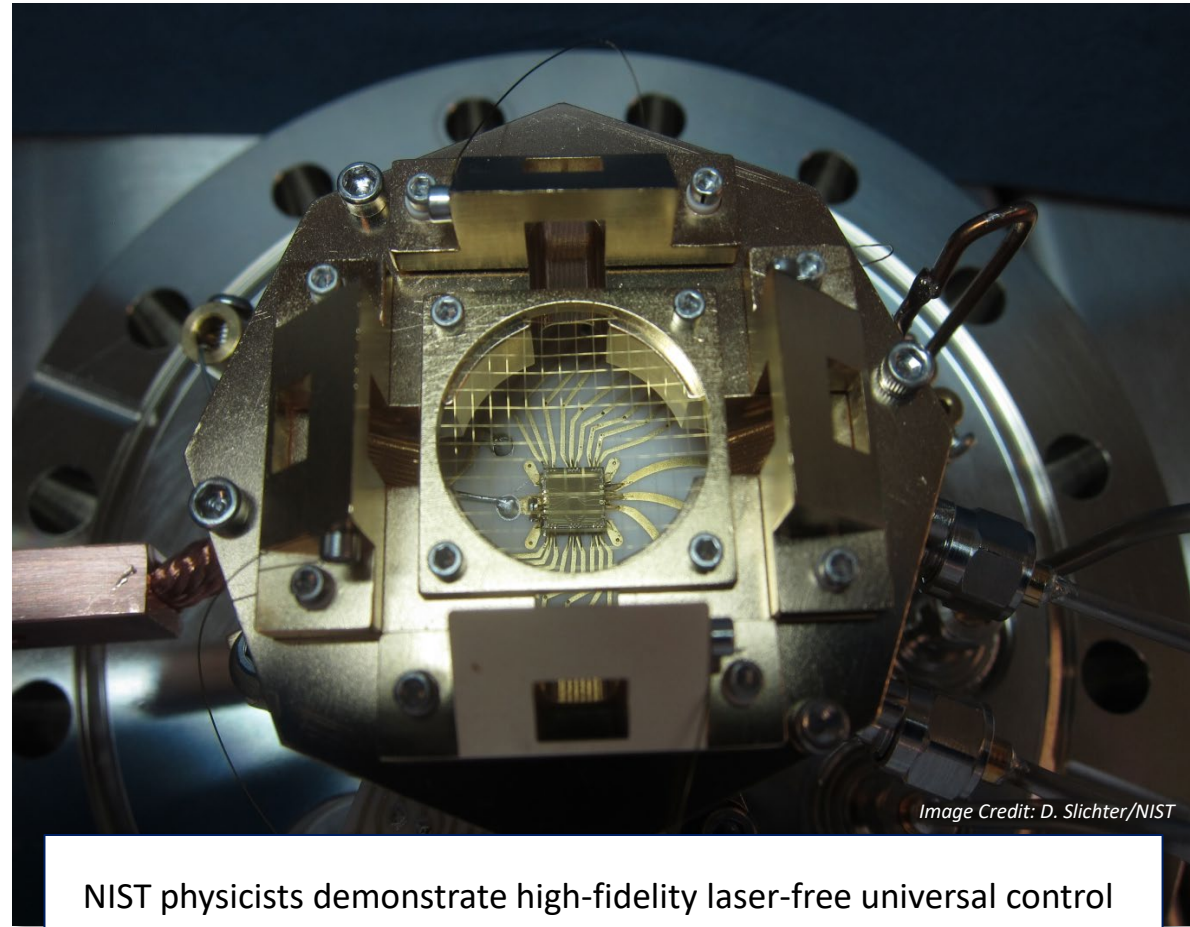
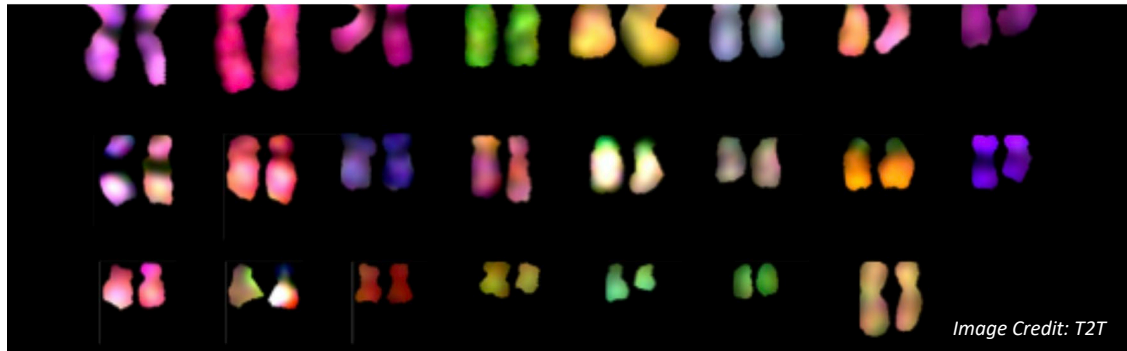


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NIST physicists demonstrate high-fidelity laser-free universal control of two trapped-ion qubits by creating both symmetric and antisymmetric maximally entangled states. This could lead to new ways to make more powerful quantum computers based on ions (charged atoms).

Recent Workshops	Recent Publications	Quantum Economic Development Consortium (QED-C)
<p><b>19th International Workshop on Low Temperature Detectors</b> <a href="#">19-26 JUL</a></p>	<p><b>High-fidelity laser-free universal control of trapped ion qubits</b> <i>Nature</i> <a href="#">08 SEP</a></p>	<p><b>QED-C Introduces a Novel Approach to Measuring Performance of Quantum Computers</b> <a href="#">12 OCT</a></p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Post-Quantum Cryptography Workshop</b> <a href="#">7-9 JUN</a></p>	<p><b>Topological frequency combs and nested temporal solitons</b> <i>Nature Physics</i> <a href="#">05 AUG</a></p>	<p><b>White House Summit on Quantum Industry and Society</b> <a href="#">05 OCT</a></p>
	<p><b>Quantum-enhanced sensing of displacements and electric fields with two-dimensional trapped-ion crystals</b> <i>Science</i> <a href="#">05 AUG</a></p>	<p><b>Quantum Marketplace Webinars: A new series of monthly webinars highlighting QED-C companies in the quantum supply chain</b> <a href="#">26 AUG</a></p>

# Engineering Biology Update



*“Two decades after the draft sequence of the human genome was unveiled to great fanfare, a team of 99 scientists has finally deciphered the entire thing. They have filled in vast gaps and corrected a long list of errors in previous versions, giving us a new view of our DNA.” – The New York Times*

<https://sites.google.com/ucsc.edu/t2tworkinggroup>

NIST co-led a team in the Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) Consortium, which completed the last 7 % of the human genome

Benchmarking against the new NIST GIAB reference reduced errors up to 12-fold in 269 challenging, medically-relevant genes

Suite of high-profile preprints highlighted extensively in the media, including NY Times, The Atlantic, and New Scientist

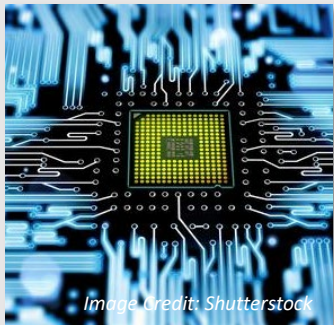


## PSCR Division Open Innovation Prize Challenges



- 2021 First Responder Unmanned Aircraft System Challenge
- 2021 Mobile Fingerprint Capture for First Responders Challenge

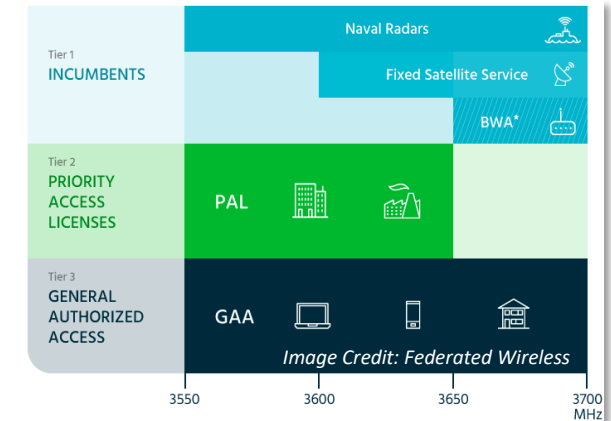
## Securing the 5G Supply Chain through Measurements



- Developing measurements of signals radiated by user equipment (UE) that can discriminate between different UEs
- Engaging industry consortia to develop test use cases

## Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) Sharing Ecosystem

- CTL to collect data for the Defense Spectrum Organization (DSO)
- Assess effectiveness of spectrum sharing between CBRS, DoD



## Resilient and Intelligent NextG Systems (RINGS)

- New NSF grant program in partnership with NIST, DOD and industry partners including Apple, Ericsson, Google, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Nokia, Qualcomm
- Goal is to accelerate research on RINGS
- \$40M over 3 years to multidisciplinary projects that have significant impact on emerging Next Generation (NextG) wireless communications



# Standards Update: The Way Forward

Increased PRC investment in R&D and SDO participation targeting critical and emerging (CET) technology creates a strategic challenge for the U.S.

Instead of “packing the room”, the U.S. requires an agile and asymmetric approach built around:

- 1) A sustained investment in R&D – a critical component of successfully influencing international standards
- 2) Expanded collaborations between allied governments, industry, and academia
- 3) A commitment to industry-led standards development processes

NIST and DOC efforts will ensure that the U.S. and its allies have a sustainable foundation for continued leadership in SDO activity for CET

## STANDARDIZING THE FUTURE

How Can the United States Navigate the Geopolitics of International Technology Standards?

Giulia Neaher | David A. Bray | Julian Mueller-Kaler | Benjamin Schatz

“Washington would do better to support the U.S. technology sector and ensure that new technologies emerging from the United States are of the highest quality, since well-engineered products are the most likely to be selected for global use.”



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## Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)

- First-ever Quad Leaders Summit held in SEP 2021
- Released a joint statement that included CET standards
- U.S. (NIST) chairs the CET WG Standards Subgroup
- NIST leading efforts to facilitate coordination on technology standards development, including public and private sectors
- Addressing risks to U.S. economic and national security during the global deployment of 5G



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## U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council

- Inaugural meeting “Pittsburgh Summit” in SEP 2021
- NIST and ITA Co-Chair Technical Standards Subgroup
- Identified AI as CET area of interest (advanced manufacturing and advanced communications TBD)
- Collaborating on a U.S.-EU  system
- Identifying opportunities to engage the private sector



# Standards Update: New Tools

## INTERNATIONAL Standards Alert

NIST Standards Coordination Office - ITA Office of Standards and Intellectual Property

For US Government awareness of significant standards activities. This information is not exhaustive and focuses on activities where USG agencies may want to influence standards in support of their mission.

### Selected ISO New Work Item Proposals (NWIPs) of Note

In this section:

- NWIPs that would establish a New Project Committee (PC)
- Proposal for the U.S. Relinquishment of ISO Technical Committee Secretariat
- ISO: NWIPs with no U.S. participation in the Technical Committee
- ISO: NWIPs in key areas with U.S. participation in the Technical Committee
- IEC: NWIPs in key areas with U.S. participation in the Technical Committee

#### NWIPs that would establish a New Project Committee (PC)

Project Title	ISO TC	Proposer/ Secretariat	Comment Deadline
<a href="#">Promotion and Implementation of Gender Equality</a>	New Project Committee	France	2021-06-25
<a href="#">Application of ISO 9001 in Policing Organizations</a>	New Project Committee	Canada	2021-07-30

- Partnership between NIST, ITA, and DOS
- Managed by NIST Standards Coordination Office
- Notification service for U.S. Government staff
- [1140 USG subscribers](#) (AUG 2021)
- Lists new international standards activities of potential interest to U.S. Government
- Increases awareness of PRC proposals while they are still potentially actionable
- Covers ISO and IEC activities but will expand to cover additional SDOs

# NIST Proposed Infrastructure Construction Program



NIST infrastructure master plan reviewed in the context of congressional infrastructure legislation

## Financial

- \$4.2 billion program
- 80% of FY2020 deferred maintenance would be eliminated

## Components

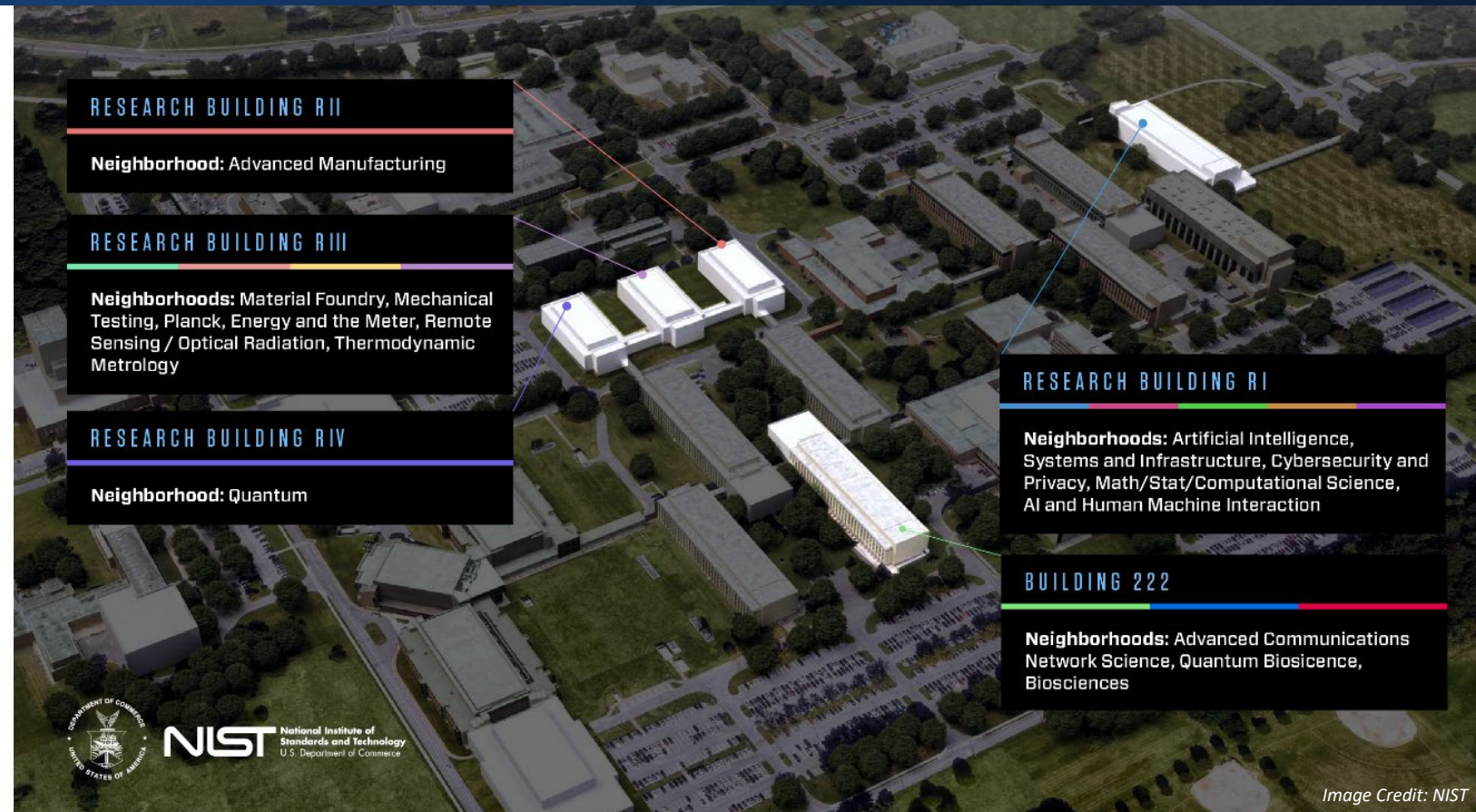
- Focuses on new construction and utility infrastructure
- 1 Mega Project for each campus
- Phasing, acquisition strategies, and prioritized project list developed
- Follow-on phases for remaining renovation

## Laboratory Planning Approach

- Research Neighborhood concept aligns NIST research with Congressional priorities

## Duration

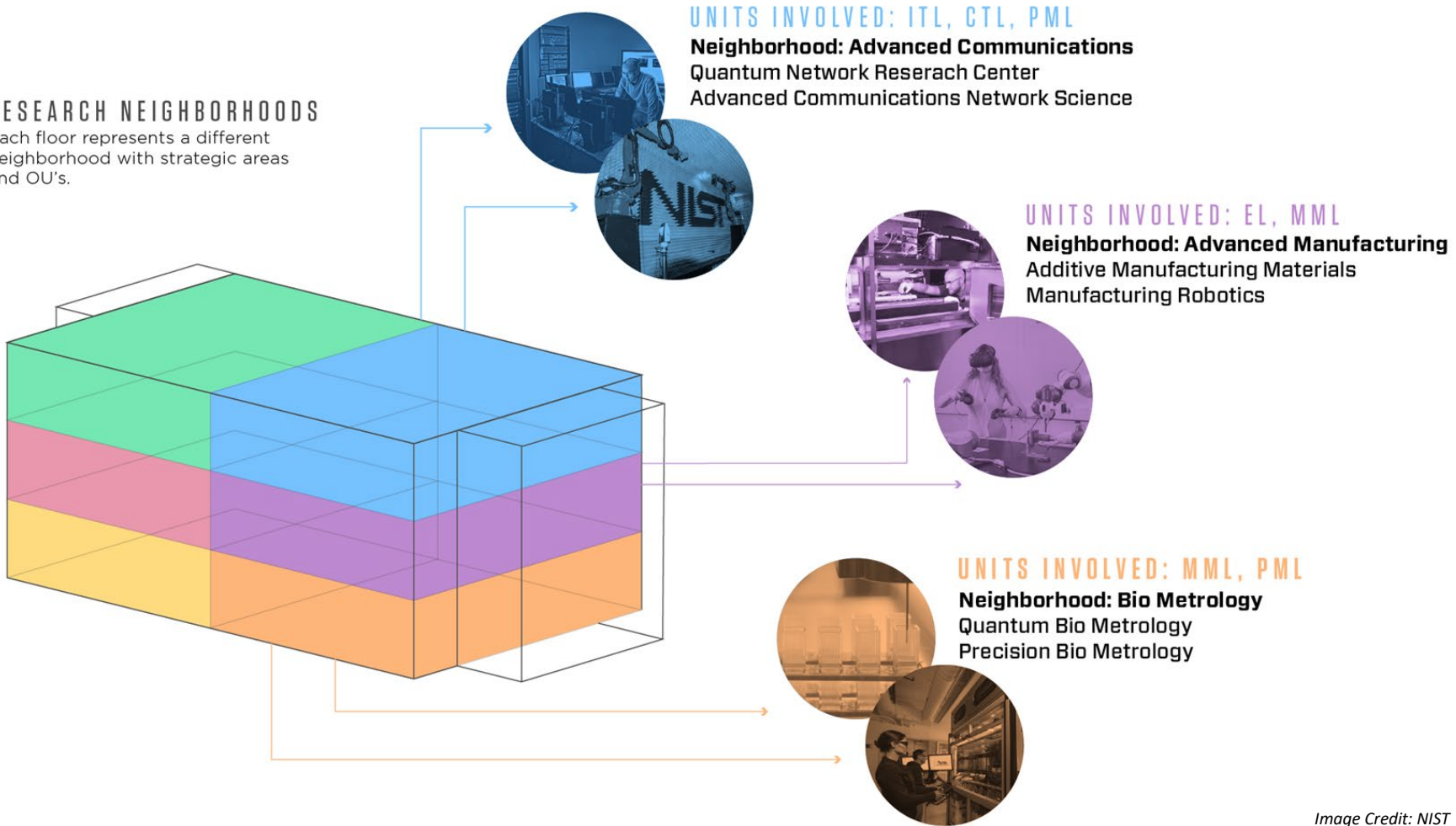
- Gaithersburg: 12 years; Boulder: 5 years





# NIST Research Neighborhoods Concept

**RESEARCH NEIGHBORHOODS**  
Each floor represents a different neighborhood with strategic areas and OU's.



## Concept Models

- Multiple OUs
- Synergistic areas
- 222 first and then all GPLs

## Highlights

- Address critical and emerging technologies
- Each neighborhood will have laboratory space, computing resources, and collaboration spaces that encourage more diverse project teams, collaboration, and reduce redundancies

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# American COMPETE Act Studies



Studies on **emerging technology areas** to recommend policy and legislative proposals

- Established subject matter expert teams
- Contracted the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) and Quantum Economic Development Consortium (QED-C)
- Request for Information (RFI) under review

**Final report due to Congress 31 DEC 2022**

Artificial Intelligence

Blockchain Technology

Internet of Things (IoT)

IoT in Manufacturing

New & Advanced Materials

Quantum Computing

3D Printing

Unmanned Delivery Service

NIST is working with DOC in responding to several Executive Orders on Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility (DEIA) in the federal workforce

- **EO 13985** Advancing Racial Equity and Support of Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government
- **EO 14019** Promoting Access to Voting
- **EO 14020** Establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council
- **EO 14035** Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce







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## Grassroots efforts across NIST labs

- The Engineering Laboratory [Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Council](#) transitioned leadership after its inaugural year
- The Material Measurement Laboratory formed four [Equity & Inclusivity Working Groups](#) on Data and Tools, Work Environment, Advancement, and Processes
- The [Information Technology Laboratory Diversity Committee](#) continues work to achieve the vision and goals of NIST on Diversity in ITL

## Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Conducted DEIA Listening and Learning Tour (AUG)

## NISTIR 8366

- Guidance for NIST Staff on [Using Inclusive Language in Documentary Standards](#)

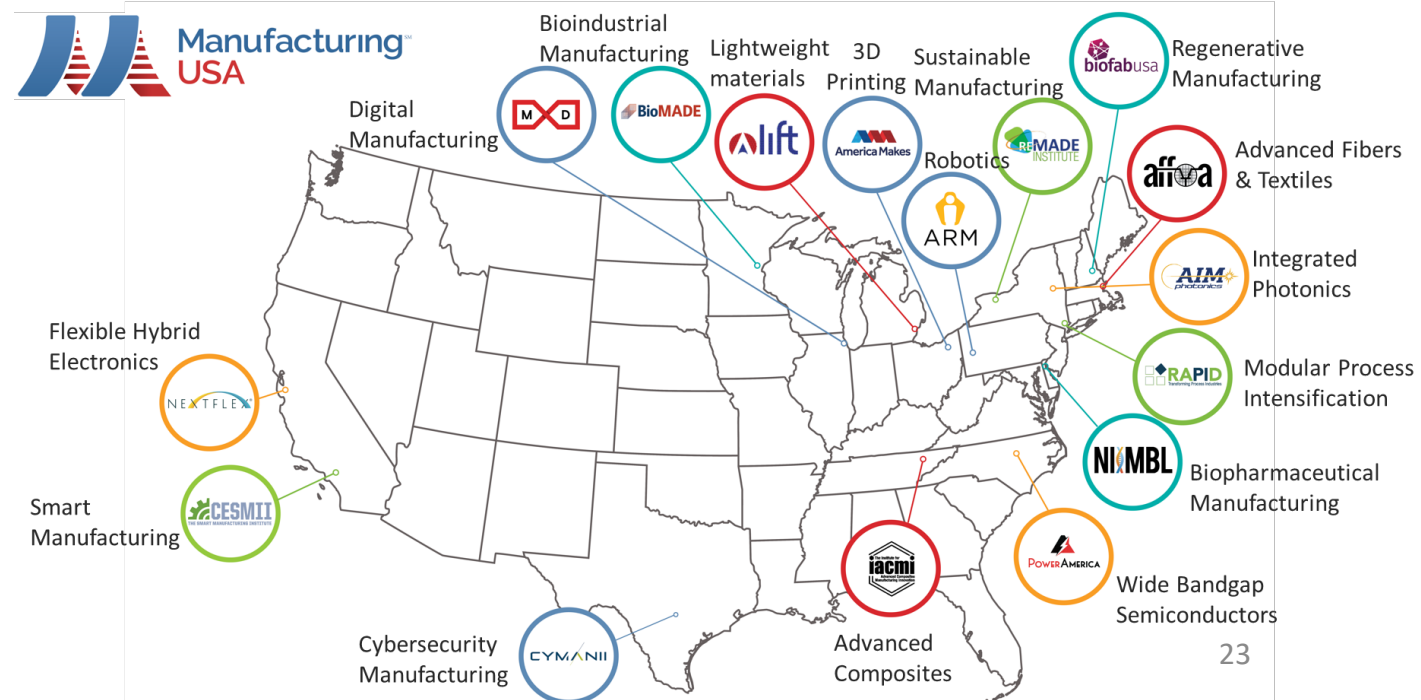
# Manufacturing USA Program Update

## Highlight: FY2021 Advanced Manufacturing Technology Roadmap Grants Program (MfgTech Roadmaps)

- Proposals to develop technology roadmaps for promising AM clusters with emphasis on areas of critical interest
- Establish new or strengthen existing manufacturing technology consortia
- \$3M total. Anticipate funding 10 proposals (\$300K each)
- Competition published in JUN 2021. Proposals due AUG 2021
- 51 applications under review. Anticipated award NOV/DEC 2021



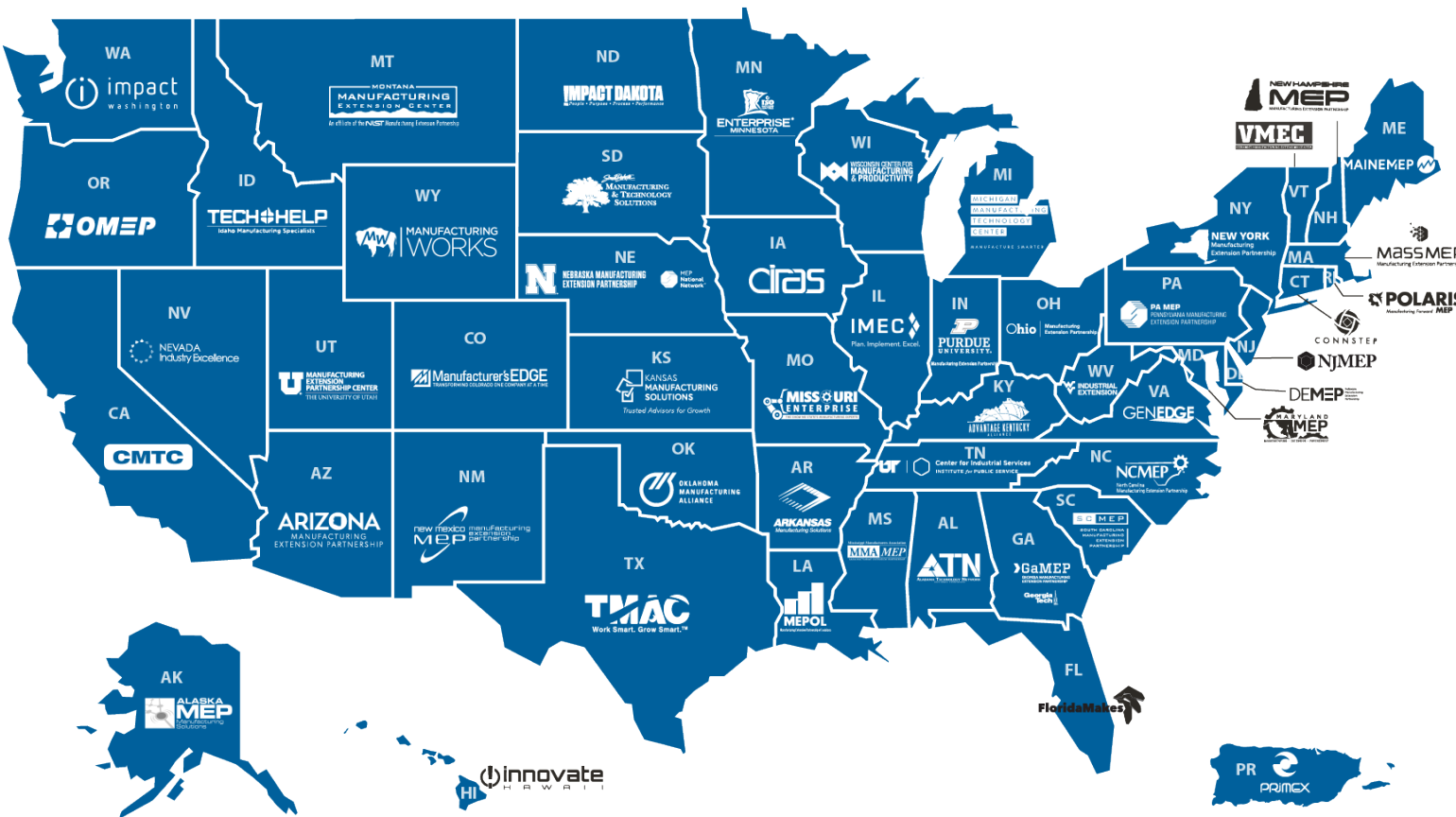
- Builds off successful FY2012-2013 AmTech Program
- AmTech roadmap was leveraged for current Institutes
- In 2015, activities of AMTech were merged into MFG USA





# MEP Update

## Highlight: FY2022 Priorities



## Publish a new MEP National Network™ Strategic Plan for FY23-28

- Talent development
- Supply chain
- Technology demonstration

## If \$275M FY2022 appropriation occurs

- Onboard new MEP staff
- Increase MEP Center Base Award Cooperative Agreements by at least \$40M
- Award at least \$50M in new Competitive Awards to MEP Centers

# DOC Strategic Plan Update

## Key Themes

- Innovation and Global Competitiveness
- Economic Development
- Climate
- Equity (ethical and responsible data practices, making data more accessible)
- Customer Service

## NIST's Role

- Revitalize U.S. manufacturing and strengthen domestic supply chains
- Accelerate development, commercialization, and use of critical and emerging science and technologies
- Improve the Nation's cybersecurity and protect Federal government networks



# DISCUSSION

The background features a complex network of nodes and lines. The nodes are represented by small circles in various colors, including blue, green, and orange. The lines connecting them are thin and light blue. There are also larger, semi-transparent geometric shapes like triangles and polygons in shades of green and blue, some of which appear to be part of the network structure. The overall aesthetic is technical and digital.