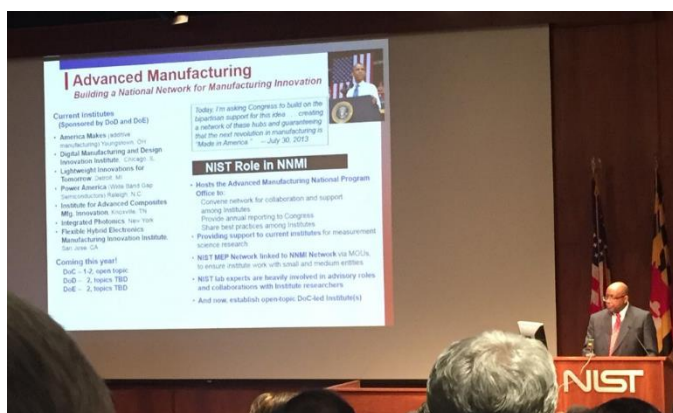


Summary of Event - NIST NNMI Institute Proposers Day

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

On March 8th, 2016, the NIST Advanced Manufacturing Office sponsored the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) Proposers' Day for the first Commerce sponsored institutes. The DOC/NIST competition is open to any topic proposed by industry not already addressed by an institute. The Proposers' Day, held at the NIST campus in Gaithersburg, MD, with simultaneous webcasting, attracted 104 registered attendees and an audience of 145 online viewers. The event was recorded and is being made available for viewing on the competition website for viewing after the event.



The event was held to familiarize potential applicants with the 2016 NIST Federal Funding Opportunity, provide an opportunity for parties to ask questions regarding the solicitation, and to network with other interested parties. There was no fee to attend and attendance was not a prerequisite for submitting an application or receiving an award.

The event was called to order by NIST Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services, Dr. Phillip Singerman, followed by welcoming remarks by Dr. Willie E. May, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, and Director of NIST. Following this, Mike Molnar, Director of the NIST Advanced Manufacturing Office (AMO) presented an overview of the NNMI and the NIST 2016 competition.

Four presentations followed, specifically geared towards teaching attendees details about the competition: elements of a complete and competitive application, how applications will be evaluated, leveraging the network of NIST MEP Centers, and administrative and award requirements. The event concluded with an extended question and answer period and networking among attendees.

On February 19, 2016, NIST released a Federal Funding Opportunity seeking applications for NNMI Institute awards from eligible applicants. The open-topic competition will support the establishment and operation of one or more NIST Manufacturing Innovation Institutes in areas of national need. Details on the 2016 NIST open-topic NNMI competition may be found on the competition website at www.nist.gov/amo/nnmi. Pre-Applications are due no later than April 20, 2016.

Stakeholder Attendance

