

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
MANUFACTURING INNOVATION INSTITUTES



Quick Start Opportunities Guide for Academic Institutions

*Sharpen the focus of your funded research!*



**PARTNER UP TO ADVANCE YOUR  
IMPACT & REACH**

Engaging with the institutes is a unique method for universities, community colleges & other educational institutions to network with and understand the needs of industry and government, so that targeted manufacturing research can be undertaken for the benefit of the institution, individual, and students. Cutting edge sponsored research enhances the reputation of the institution. For students, institutes provide opportunities for hands-on training & access to internship leading to jobs.

*“The University of Connecticut is involved in five institutes in the Manufacturing USA network. A major benefit to our faculty is the opportunity to work closely with industry on relatively high TRL projects that have high impact in emerging technology areas in manufacturing.”*

- Professor Michael Accorsi, Senior Associate Dean, University of Connecticut School of Engineering

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MAKE AGAIN**

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**STRONG  
COLLABORATION**

- Collaborate with industry, academia, and government
- Collaborate to design & execute innovative apprenticeship & educational programs
- Roadmap future technology

**LICENSE RESEARCH &  
INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY**

- Create IP through institute funded research
- Utilize your own organization’s research
- Use the institutes’ state of the art facilities to further manufacturing technology

**FOSTER PREEMINENCE**

- Enhance department reputation by providing employable students trained inline with industry needs
- Create content consistent with the latest technology

**SOLVE  
MANUFACTURING  
PROBLEMS**

- Create ecosystems that positively impact the U.S. economy
- Solve applied research problems faced by industry

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Quick Start Opportunities Guide for U.S. Manufacturers

*Strengthen your bottom line!*



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**ACCELERATING PRODUCT-TO-MARKET  
LEADS TO STRONGER  
PERFORMANCE**

In this global marketplace, developing the next generation of advanced manufacturing capabilities requires the U.S. to encourage more collaboration between companies, customers and the government in order to conduct the pre-competitive applied R&D necessary for profitable commercialization. A modern 'industrial commons' is needed, where R&D facilities and key manufacturing information are available to U.S. companies of all sizes, allowing them to affordably develop their products for commercial or defense needs. The DoD Manufacturing USA institutes offer an opportunity to leverage pre-competitive R&D into the manufacturing processes that underpin these future product opportunities. They include materials and manufacturing R&D; product design and development; production capacity; visibility into new markets and manufacturing workforce training and education.

*"Overall, Lockheed Martin has realized a very high return on its cost-sharing investments in the institutes."*

- Mr. Jeff Wilcox, Vice President for Engineering & Program Operations for Lockheed Martin

**HIGH VALUE  
COLLABORATION  
& FACILITY ACCESS**

- *Technology roadmapping*
- *Manufacturing pilot lines*
- *Extensive lab, testing, and prototyping equipment*
- *Industry apprenticeships*

**SUPPLY CHAIN  
MULTIPLIER**

- *Collaborative environment brings in new partners*
- *Co-location with much of your supply chain*
- *Small business incubators*
- *Network with industry, academia and DoD*

**NEW CAPABILITIES AND  
MARKETS**

- *Small business access to primes and vice versa*
- *Access to intellectual property*
- *Commercialize technology from federal laboratories*
- *Awareness of DoD requirements & future needs*

**INCREASED  
PERFORMANCE &  
RETURNS**

- *Risk reduction through pooled R&D*
- *Participate in federally cost-shared R&D projects*
- *Develop cutting edge technology*
- *Better trained workforce*

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Quick Start Opportunities Guide for State & Local Governments

*Build your innovation infrastructure!*



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**INNOVATION CLUSTERS BRING LASTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Manufacturing Institutes are innovation clusters comprised of numerous partners with a singular technology focus - all committed to building a convergence of expertise. Because these clusters contain all of the elements necessary for product realization (research, design, prototyping and production), they feed off each other's success and become deeply entrenched locally and regionally. Clusters formed around advanced manufacturing facilities inherently persist due to the ability to accelerate product to market using a co-located supply chain. All this growth provides phenomenal opportunities to the region's students and workforce.

*The State of Massachusetts has pledged more than \$100 million for partnering with manufacturing innovation institutes. The investment is in world class prototyping facilities, open to members of respective institutes and attractive to industry and academia.*

**GREAT RETURNS FROM ADVANCED MANUFACTURING**

- Manufacturing possesses the highest community economic multiplier for jobs and GDP
- Members compete for manufacturing project grants

**RAISING YOUR NATIONAL PROMINENCE**

- Institutes represent a means to increase preeminence
- Institutes converge regional members associated with next generation technologies
- Clustering helps bring additional Federal grants

**GROW A QUALIFIED WORKFORCE**

- Workforce development is a key objective at each institute
- Deliver unique opportunities for regional students, using community colleges and universities

**ATTRACT DIRECT INVESTMENT**

- Hub or node pilot facilities appeal to first adopters
- Small businesses receive mentoring and become key suppliers as spin outs



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## Quick Start Opportunities Guide for Federal Agencies



*Partner up to achieve your mission!*

### PARTNER UP TO ADVANCE YOUR IMPACT AND REACH

Manufacturing USA Institutes offer an array of high-tech leveraging opportunities for the federal professional. From a research and development perspective, the Manufacturing USA institutes provide access to joint DoD-commercial road-mapping activities, pilot manufacturing facilities, and responsive project contracting. From an acquisition perspective, these pre-competitive federal assistance agreements can be utilized to perform technology-related projects, access to cost share and ensure competition. From an operations and sustainment perspective, they can be a source for producing quick-turn complex parts and low cost research & development.

*"The DoD has needed a concerted effort focused on invigorating manufacturing capabilities for some time. These Manufacturing Institutes address this need and are now providing solutions that DoD should be able to leverage for years to come."*

- Dr. Nicholas Usechak, Government CTO AIM Photonics

#### RAPIDLY TRANSITION S&T

- Advance concepts through prototype development
- Sponsor projects to meet specific mission needs
- Contracting meets all competition requirements

#### LOWER RISK FOR TECHNOLOGY INSERTION

- Apply new manufacturing processes to reduce cycle time
- Utilize tools to support legacy systems
- Reduce risk on DoD Programs of Record

#### SCALE-UP ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

- Identify domestic sources for components and materials
- Advance from prototype to limited-scale production

#### ACCESS THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ECOSYSTEM

- Hone your expertise & engage with the best & brightest
- Participate in institute-led training programs

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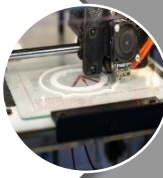
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**America Makes: National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute**  
Youngstown, OH | [www.americamakes.us](http://www.americamakes.us)

*America Makes strengthens U.S. capabilities in 3D printing and additive manufacturing.*



**MxD: Manufacturing x Digital (formerly DMDII)**

Chicago, IL | [www.mxdusa.org](http://www.mxdusa.org)

*DMDII leads the nation's research institute into applying cutting-edge digital technologies.*



**LIFT: Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow**

Detroit, MI | [lift.technology](http://lift.technology)

*LIFT speeds development of new lightweight metal manufacturing processes.*



**AIM Photonics: American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics**

Albany & Rochester, NY | [www.aimphotonics.com](http://www.aimphotonics.com)

*AIM Photonics accelerates development of the photonic integrated circuit industry.*



**NextFlex: America's Flexible Hybrid Electronics Institute**

San Jose, CA | [www.nextflex.us](http://www.nextflex.us)

*NextFlex innovates electronic packaging & printing to produce flexible electronic products.*



**AFFOA: Advanced Functional Fabrics of America**

Cambridge, MA | [join.affoa.org](http://join.affoa.org)

*AFFOA accelerates widespread commercialization of highly functional fabrics.*



**BioFabUSA: Advanced Tissue Biofabrication Institute**

Manchester, NH | [www.armiusa.org](http://www.armiusa.org)

*BioFabUSA develops next-generation techniques for cell & tissue biofabrication.*



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Pittsburgh, PA | [www.arminstitute.org](http://www.arminstitute.org)

*ARM improves U.S. competitiveness through advancements in smart collaborative robotics.*

