

# *America Makes* – The National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute

*The National Accelerator for Additive Manufacturing*

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## **Introduction to America Makes Video**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gaYIJ1HOdw>**

# Why Additive Manufacturing

## Small Lot Production



## Enables Mass Customization



## Rapid Manufacturing

## Toolless, Extreme Cycle Time Reductions

## Lightweight Structures

Weight removal increases mission capabilities, saves fuel costs and lessens warfighter burden

## Enables Design Complexity

## Geometric Complex, Unitized Structures



Heat exchanger, courtesy of Within Technologies



**Traditional Part:**  
 19 aluminum parts welded together



**Additive Manufacturing part:**  
 1 part  
 30 % weight reduction  
 Cost and lead time reductions

Functionally-graded materials, embedded electronics

# ASTM Definitions of Seven Main Categories of Additive Manufacturing Processes

Process Type	Method	Materials	Market
<b>Powder Bed Fusion</b>	Thermal energy (laser or electron beam) selectively fuses regions of a powder bed	Metals, Polymers	Manufacturing, Prototyping
<b>Directed Energy Deposition</b>	Focused thermal energy (laser or electron beam) is used to fuse materials as deposited	Metals	Manufacturing, Repair
<b>Material Extrusion</b>	Material is selectively dispensed through a nozzle and material laid down in layers	Polymers, food	Manufacturing, Prototyping
<b>Vat Photopolymerization</b>	Liquid photopolymer in a vat is selectively cured by light-activated polymerization	Photopolymers	Prototyping
<b>Binder Jetting</b>	Liquid bonding agent is selectively deposited to join powder materials	Polymers, Sand, Metals, Ceramics	Prototyping, Casting Molds, Manufacturing
<b>Material Jetting</b>	Droplets of build material are selectively deposited, “ink-jet printer” like	Polymers, Waxes, tissue, metals (electronics)	Prototyping, Casting Patterns
<b>Sheet Lamination</b>	Sheets of material are bonded to form an object	Paper, Metals	Prototyping, Manufacturing

# Additive Manufacturing Challenges and Constraints to Widespread Adoption

Need/Issue	Impact If Not Addressed
Dimensional accuracy & surface finish	Additional processing cost, unusable parts
Uniform mechanical properties – different in build direction	Increased design complexity & added weight, suboptimal designs
Improved process control & repeatability	Acceptable part quality, process yield & cost
NDE methods for complex defects and part geometry-understanding of potential defects – effects of defects	Undetected defects leading to component failure
AM Standards (Materials, process, machine, quality)	Slow implementation of AM in industrial base
Qualification and Certification protocols	Slow adoption, conflicting approaches, waste in research and sustainment dollars
Design tools for AM components	Suboptimal design, increased time to market, material waste, poor performance

# Why, How, What

## **AMERICA MAKES**

### **WHY**

The U.S. is not doing well in the Global Economy, and needs a reinvigorated Manufacturing Sector that includes a strong Defense Industrial Base.

### **HOW**

Transform manufacturing in the U.S. through innovative, coordinated Additive Manufacturing Technology Development, Technology Transition, and Workforce & Educational Outreach.

### **WHAT**

Accelerated adoption of additive manufacturing technologies in the U.S. manufacturing sector that yield innovative products and increased domestic manufacturing competitiveness.



**Collaborate  
Cooperate  
Innovate**

# Who We Are



America Makes is a public/private partnership with substantial federal, private industry, and academic investment

The partnership is a multi-agency collaboration between industry, government and universities, led by the Defense-wide Manufacturing S&T team

We have an innovation facility in Youngstown, Ohio

We have 160 members and continue to grow



We are operated by the National Center for Defense Manufacturing & Machining (NCDMM)

# 96 Industry Partners

3Diligent Corporation  
3DSIM, LLC  
3D Systems Corporation  
3M  
Advanced Methods in Innovation  
Advantech US, Inc.  
Alcoa  
Allegheny Technologies, Incorporated  
All Points Additive  
AlphaSTAR Corporation  
ANSYS, Inc.  
Applied Optimization Inc.  
Applied Systems and Technology Transfer  
Arkema, Inc.  
Atlantic Precision, Inc.  
Autodesk, Inc.  
Bastech, Inc.  
The Boeing Company  
Booz Allen Hamilton  
Concurrent Technology Corporation  
Danko Arlington  
DANTE Solutions, Inc.  
Deloitte Consulting, LLC  
Eaton Corporation  
Element Material Technology Holding USA  
Element Robot, LLC  
EnvisionTEC, Inc.  
ESI North America, Inc.  
The ExOne Company  
Fabrisonic, LLC  
Flight Support, Inc.  
Florida Turbine Technologies, Inc.  
GKN Hoeganaes Corporation  
General Dynamics Global Imaging Technologies  
General Electric Company  
General Motors  
Grid Logic Incorporated  
Hapco, Inc.  
HoneyPoint3D  
Honeywell International Inc.  
Humtown Products  
Illinois Tool Works, Inc.  
Inside 3D Printing  
Intel Corporation  
International TechneGroup Incorporated  
Johnson & Johnson Global Supply Chain  
Kennametal  
Keystone Synergistic Enterprises, Inc.  
The Lincoln Electric Company  
LPW Technology, Inc.  
Lockheed Martin  
M-7 Technologies  
MachMotion  
Made In Space  
Materials Science Corporation  
MAYA Design Inc.  
Moog, Inc.  
NanoSteel Company  
Northrop Grumman  
OpenArc  
Optomec  
Oxford Performance Materials  
PARC, a Xerox Company  
Parker Hannifin Corporation  
Patriot Solutions International, Inc.  
Phoenix Analysis & Design Technologies, Inc.  
PolarOnyx, Inc.  
Product Development and Analysis, LLC  
PTC Alliance Holdings Corp.  
Raytheon  
Rockwell Collins  
Rolls-Royce Corporation  
RP+M  
SABIC Innovations Plastics Business  
Sciaky, Inc.  
Senvol, LLC  
Sigma Labs, Inc.  
Siemens Industry, Inc.  
Southern Company Services, Inc.  
Stony Creek Labs  
Stratasys  
Stratronics  
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station  
Textron, Inc.  
Theken Companies, LLC  
Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.  
Triad Productions Group  
Tyco Electronics Corporations  
UL, LLC  
United Launch Alliance, LLC  
United Technologies Corporation  
Wohlers Associates, Inc.  
Wolf Robotics  
Zimmer Biomet  
Zodiac Aero Evacuation Systems



# 39 Academic Partners

Arizona State University  
Binghamton University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Connecticut Center for Advanced  
Technology  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Indiana University-Purdue University  
Indianapolis (IUPUI)  
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics  
Laboratory  
Lehigh University  
Lorain County Community College  
Louisiana State University  
Michigan Technological University  
Mississippi State University  
Missouri University of Science &  
Technology  
North Carolina State University  
Northern Illinois Research Foundation  
Pennsylvania State University

Robert C. Byrd Institute  
Robert Morris University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
University of Akron  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dayton Research Institute  
University of Delaware Center for Composite  
Material  
University of Louisville  
University of Maryland – College Park  
University of Michigan Library  
University of Northern Iowa  
University of North Texas  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
University of Texas - Austin  
University of Texas at El Paso  
Westmoreland County Community College  
Western Illinois University – Quad City  
Manufacturing Lab  
Wichita State University  
Wright State University  
Youngstown State University

## 11 Government Partners

Air Force Sustainment Center,  
United States Air force  
Consolidated Nuclear Security,  
LLC; Pantex Plant /Y-12  
National Security Complex  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Lawrence Livermore National  
Laboratory  
Los Alamos National Laboratory  
MIT Lincoln Laboratory  
The MITRE Corporation  
NNSA's National Security  
Campus  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory  
Sandia National Laboratory  
Tobyhanna Army Depot

## 10 Non-Profit Organizations

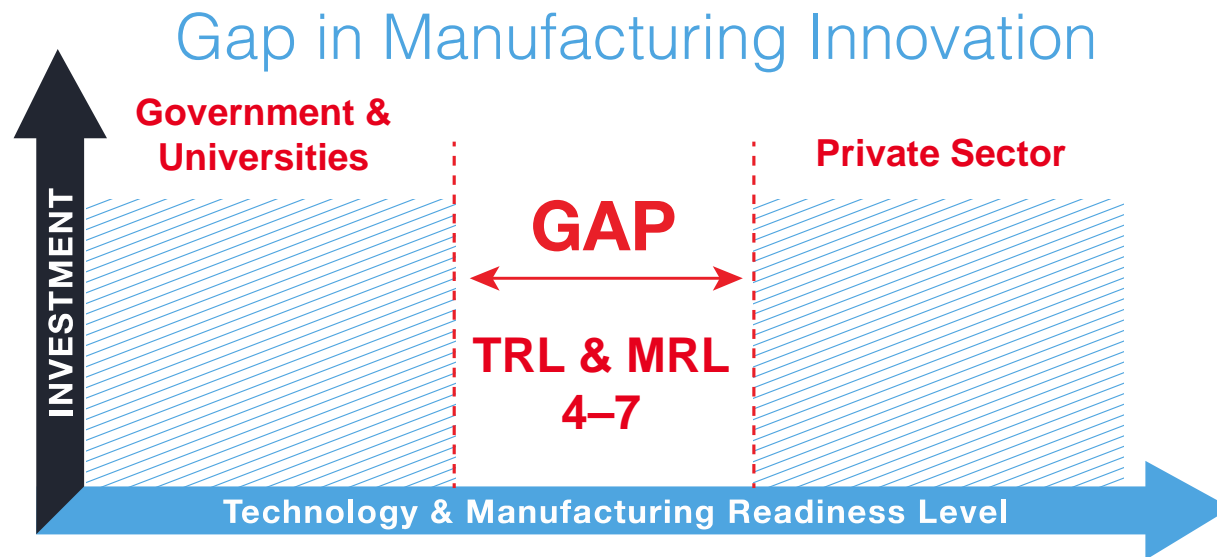
American Foundry Society  
ASME  
ASM International  
Association for  
Manufacturing Technology  
EWI  
NCMS - National Center for  
Manufacturing Sciences  
Ohio Aerospace Institute  
SME  
Team NEO Foundation  
Youngstown Business  
Incubator

## 4 Mfg. Extension Partnerships (MEPs)

Catalyst Connection  
Greenleaf Corporation  
MAGNET  
TechSolve

# Our Purpose

**Our main goal is to “Bridge the Gap”**  
and address Technology & Manufacturing Readiness  
Levels (TRL & MRL) 4-7 enabling technology transition  
and commercialization through funding innovation projects.



# How We Approach Innovation



**Project Funding** – We competitively award projects to members using public and private funds, addressing prioritized topics on our member-driven technology roadmap.



**Our Vast Network** – We act as a connector and facilitator between all of our members. Everyone has a seat at the table to contribute and collaborate with us and one another.



**Workforce Readiness** – Training and educational outreach is a priority for the institute. Every Public/private funded project requires an educational outreach component.



**Technology Transition** – We make it real. Every public/private funded project requires a pilot transition component.

# Delivering Value

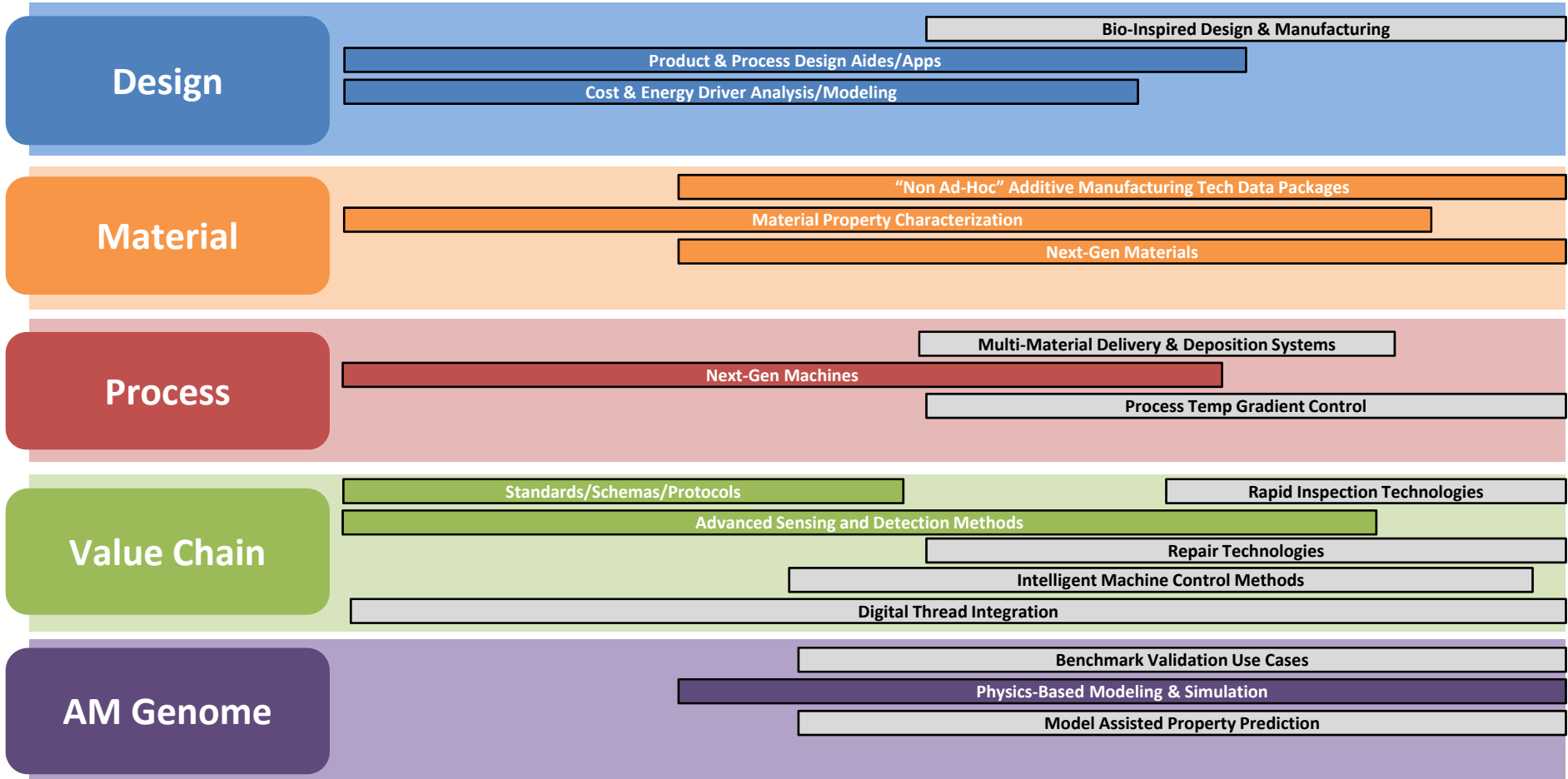
- Robust Additive Manufacturing Roadmapping
- Opportunity to Participate in Funded Projects
  - Consortium-driven Project Calls
  - Agency-driven Projects
  - Member-driven Projects
  - Client-driven Projects
  - Competitively-awarded Projects
  - Crowd-sourced Projects
- Access to Consortium Developed IP
  - Current Portfolio of 47 Projects valued at \$59M (Includes Public Funds and Private Cost Share)
  - Current Project Calls will add \$20+M → Total Portfolio in 2015 = \$79M
- Use of the America Makes Innovation Factory



# America Makes Technology Roadmap – Level 1

*“Gray Space” with < 5 CTE Maturation Ideas*

2014                      2015                      2016                      2017                      2018



# Our Approach to IP



All Consortium  
Developed IP is owned  
by the inventing  
organizations—  
We help to conserve,  
integrate, and transition.

## **CONSERVE · INTEGRATE · TRANSITION**

**You Own Your IP** – You will own both pre-existing IP and any you develop through consortium effort.

**We Provide Protection** – We have a membership agreement in place that is designed to protect your interests by ensuring that all participants play by the same set of rules.

**Increase Chances of IP Adoption** – We facilitate IP transition through our project-based approach and expansive network that represents multiple industries, markets, and stakeholders.

# Consortium Developed IP Access Levels

Membership Level	Annual Fee – Cash and/or In-Kind Cost Share	Free Access to Consortium Developed IP for R&D	Use of Consortium Developed IP for Commercialization	Royalty-free Use of Consortium Developed IP for Commercialization
<b>Platinum</b>	\$200,000	X		X
<b>Gold</b>	\$50,000	X	X	
<b>Silver</b>	\$15,000	X		



## 6 Project Call #1 Awards in 2013

- Projects Address Metals & Polymers
  - *Materials Characterization*
  - *Process Capability & Characterization*
  - *Quality Control*
- Each Project includes Technology Transition, Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise, and Workforce Education
- 35 Participants (8 of the 35 Are Universities)



## 15 Project Call #2 Awards in 2014

- *“In-Process Quality Assurance (IPQA) for Laser Powder Bed Production of Aerospace Components”* - **General Electric Aviation**
- *“Developing Topology Optimization Tools that Enable Efficient Design of AM Cellular Structures”* - **University of Pittsburgh**
- *“AM of Biomedical Devices from Bioresorbable Metallic Alloys for Medical Applications”* - **McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh**
- *“Refining Microstructure of AM Materials to Improve Non-Destructive Inspection (NDI)”* - **EWI**
- *“Development of Distortion Prediction and Compensation Methods for Metal Powder-Bed AM”* - **GE Global Research**
- *“Development of a Low-Cost ‘Lens® Engine’”* - **Optomec**
- *“Development of Knowledgebase of Deposition Parameters for Ti-6Al-4V and IN718”*- **Optomec**

## 15 Project Call #2 Awards (Cont'd)

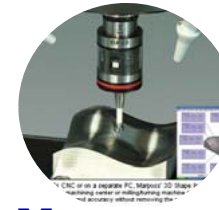
- “Automatic Finishing of Metal AM Parts to Achieve Required Tolerances & Surface Finishes” - **North Carolina State University**
- “Electron Beam Melted Ti-6Al-4V AM Demonstration and Allowables Development” - **Northrop Grumman Corporation**
- “3D Printing Multi-Functionality: AM for Aerospace Applications” - **University of Texas – El Paso**
- “Metal Alloys and Novel Ultra-Low-Cost 3D Weld Printing Platform for Rapid Prototyping and Production” - **Michigan Technological University**
- “Accelerated Adoption of AM Technology in the American Foundry Industry” - **Youngstown Business Incubator (YBI)**
- “*A Database Relating Powder Properties to Process Outcomes for Direct Metal AM*” - **Carnegie Mellon University**
- “*High-Throughput Functional Material Deposition Using a Laser Hot Wire Process*” - **Case Western Reserve University**
- “*Optimization of Parallel Consolidation Method for Industrial Additive Manufacturing*” - **Stony Creek Labs**

## 9 Project Call #3 Awards in 2015

- *“Parametric Design of Functional Support Structures for Metal Alloy Feedstocks”* – **University of Pittsburgh**
- *“Multidisciplinary Design Analysis for Seamless AM Design, Analysis, Build, and Redesign Workflows”* – **Raytheon**
- *“Economic Production of Next Generation Orthopedic Materials through Powder Reuse in AM”* – **University of Notre Dame**
- *“A Flexible Adaptive Open Architecture to Enable a Robust Third-Party Ecosystem for Metal Powder Bed Fusion AM Systems”* – **GE Global Research**
- *“Digital Threading of AM”* – **Boeing**
- *“A Design Guidance System for AM”* – **Georgia Institute of Technology**
- *“Cyber-Physical Design and AM of Custom Orthoses”* – **University of Michigan**
- *“A Low-cost Industrial Multi3D System for 3D Electronics Manufacturing”* – **The University of Texas at El Paso**

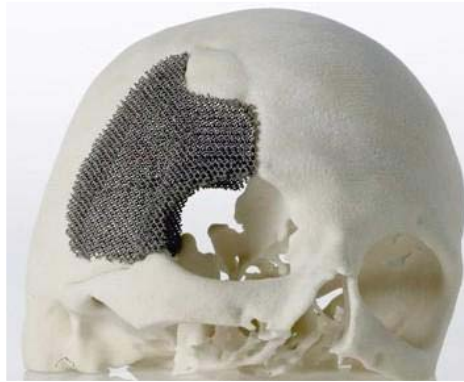
# NIST MSAM Cooperative Agreement Program Award

- **Won \$5M, 24-Month NIST Measurement Science for Advanced Manufacturing (MSAM) Cooperative Agreement Program:**  
*“Holistic Approach to Solving Measurement Science Challenges in Additive Manufacturing”*
  - **Informative In-Situ Process Monitoring**
  - **Non-Destructive Evaluation**
  - **Layerwise Quality Certification for Additive Manufacturing**
- **NIST Also Awarded \$2.4M Program to Northern Illinois University (an America Makes Member)** to develop tools for process control and qualifying parts made with layer-by-layer additive-manufacturing processes



Quality Parts Produced and Certified for Use in End Product(s)

# Example of Funded Project



## Topology Optimization

*Building lightweight strength where you need it the most*

Total project value: Approx. \$1.0M

Project team: University of Pittsburgh

Timeline: April 2014 – August 2015

Complexity comes cheap with Additive Manufacturing.

This effort takes advantage of this unique design quality and seeks to apply geometric properties to structures to increase strength to any load-bearing components as needed.

As a result, structures are not only more resilient, but light than their traditionally designed and traditionally manufactured counterparts.

Many industries are potentially affected by this development in lightweight strength – from aerospace to automotive.

# AFRL Agency-Driven America Makes Projects

## **AFRL Additive Manufacturing R&D Projects Competitively Awarded to America Makes Members & Managed by America Makes**

- Laser Powder Feed Directed Energy Deposition Additive Manufacturing Development
- Powder Bed Fusion Of Thermoplastics Closed-loop Process Control
- Open Source Process Control For Powder Bed Additive Manufacturing Research
- Non-destructive Evaluation Of Complex Metallic Additive Manufactured Structures (Phase 1 & 2)
- Laser powder bed fusion processes for fabricating heat exchangers for propulsion applications

## **Special AFRL Cooperative Agreement SOW Task Executed by America Makes**

- 3D Printing Skills Development for AFRL Personnel

# Qualification of AM Processes and Procedures for Repurposing and Rejuvenation of Tooling

## PROBLEM

New dies can cost up to \$1.5M and have long lead times of 22-26 weeks. Extending life of tooling means saving a large investment of new capital and shorter lead times.

## OBJECTIVE

*Develop, evaluate and qualify novel methods of rejuvenation and repurposing of die casting tooling using additive manufacturing (AM)*

## APPROACH

- Mechanical testing of coupons deposited with select AM processes and materials.
- Qualification of AM processes/suppliers and alloys that provide satisfactory properties.
- Production evaluation of tools repaired with qualified processes/alloys.
- Technology transfer and workforce education to promote the use of the AM repair methods.

## BENEFITS

- **Extension of useful die life by at least 25%**
- **Much shorter lead times than for making new dies. Two weeks vs. 26 weeks.**
- **Significant cost savings-no more than 10% of a new die, usually less.**

## IMPLEMENTATION

- The additive tool repair methods developed in this America Makes project are being implemented across the die casting industry with NADCA assistance.

- **Lead Organization:** Case Western Reserve University
- **Supporting Organization(s):** North American Die Casting Association (NADCA), Dante Solutions, Keystone Synergistic Enterprises, Benet Laboratories, Twin City Die Casting, General Die Casters, Magma, Delaware Dynamics
- **Start Date:** 4/01/2013      **End Date:** 1/31/2015





# Technology Transition

- Providing the AM / 3DP network with a conduit between large industry opportunities and Small / Medium Business innovation
  - rp+m, a founding member and small business / service provider, obtained AS9100C certification through their awarded America Makes grant enabling Aerospace OEMs Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Boeing to source parts
  - M7 Technologies now partnering with Siemens as a metrology solutions provider



# Educational Outreach

Strong emphasis on STEM for K-12

## Partnering and leveraging many existing programs

- FIRST Robotics, AST2 Community Outreach Exhibit, ASM Teachers Camps, 3D Printing Summer Camps, NSF Einstein Fellows Training

## 3D Printers in Every School

- 100% private funding (Donor's Choose)
- 1000+ 3D printers funded
- Training, support, and materials

## Workforce Training Initiatives

- AFRL, FAA, Commerce Department
- Industry members & at-large



2014  
First Robotics Best  
Use of 3DP



3DP Hospital  
Repair at 2014 First  
Robotics  
Championship



MakerBot Academy

# The Innovation Factory

## 8 WAYS MEMBERS CAN ENGAGE THE YOUNGSTOWN FACILITY



Demonstrations & one-off prototyping



Education events (camps, training)



Training on equipment & techniques



Workshop space for technical & general meetings



Showcase your projects, equipment, concepts



Fabrication and support capabilities & services



House employees at the innovation factory



Technology validation

# Other Benefits of Membership



## **All Members:**

- Access library of Additive Manufacturing resource
- Opportunities to leverage research funding and cost-sharing
- Access to comprehensive Additive knowledge-base

## **Small & Medium Enterprises:**

- Network with high-level decision makers from large industry
- Help navigating complex government customer market
- IP adoption and market readiness mentoring

## **Large Industry:**

- Insight into cutting edge of industry innovation
- Access to potential acquisitions and supply chain insight

# Other Benefits of Membership



## **Academia:**

- Leverage network for collaboration & funding opportunities
- Distribution channels for research and IP exposure

## **Government:**

- Special project facilitation
- Infrastructure for program management and contracts

## **Economic Development:**

- Cutting edge opportunities for your clients
- We facilitate match-making for collaboration
- Access shovel-ready economic development opportunities

# America Makes Additive Manufacturing Maintenance & Sustainment Working Group

- Purpose:
  - Accelerate the productive use of additive manufacturing for commercial and government (DoD, DoE, NASA, FAA, etc.) equipment maintenance and sustainment
  - Benefits sought are increased operational availability and decreased time for maintenance, and lower recurring and non-recurring costs for equipment maintenance and sustainment
  - Focusing specifically on the use of additive manufacturing for maintenance and sustainment of commercial and defense equipment
- Collaborating closely with Greg Kilchenstein and newly formed DoD Additive Manufacturing for Maintenance Operations (AMMO) Working Group
- Monthly teleconferences to share issues and pursue solutions

# The Economic Value Proposition: Leveraged Cost Sharing & ROI

- For funding sources needing work done:
  - The ability to double the work accomplished for each dollar spent
    - \$1 of Investment + \$1 of Cost Share = \$2 of Output
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*BBP 3.0 – “Increase the productivity of industry Independent Research and Development (IR&D) and Contracted Research and Development (CR&D)”*



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- **For those doing the work and providing cost share:**
  - The ability to leverage the investment by the funding source in areas of specific interest
  - The ability to spread the cost share across the performing team, further increasing the ROI
    - \$1M of External Funding + \$200K of Cost Share + \$800K of team members cost share = \$2M of Beneficial Output
  
- **Plus proven, fair-broker Project Management at a low cost**

# Overview Summary

- ***We “connect the dots”***
- ***The challenge is enormous, but so is the potential payoff in the global competitive economic environment***
- ***This is a long-term play – the impact will be felt by future generations of Americans***

***“Disrupt Ourselves Before Others Disrupt Us”***

– The Honorable Stephen Welby, DASD Systems Engineering

# When America Makes America Works

