

# Day 2 of the Manufacturing USA Network Meeting

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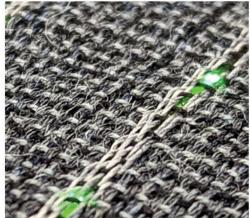






### **Opening Remarks**





















10 Years of Advancing U.S. Manufacturing











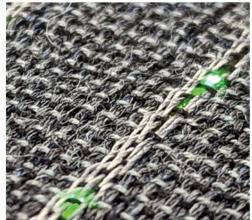






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#### Introduction

## At our 2023 Network Meeting our table-top teams developed responses to 5 main questions about the future of our network:

- What is your blue-sky vision of what an institute might be in 5-10 years? The network in 5-10 years?
- What advanced manufacturing challenges have we solved in 10 years, and what have we learned about organizations and processes to solve the challenges?
- In 10 years, what do we see as a healthy relationship with international networks and/or regional partners?
- In a desired future state, what would be ideal institute funding (federal and non-federal) and ideal ways of identifying new national opportunities and delivering impact?
- What does a better-functioning network look and feel like in 5 and 10 years?





#### What does a better-functioning network look & feel like in 5-10 years?

The responses from 2023 highlighted the need for **collaboration**. Here are some quotes:

- 1. **Teaming across institutes** on joint projects regardless of sponsoring agency
- 2. More integration across sponsoring agencies and fewer barriers.
- 3. Strong cross-institute teams that focus on technology collaboration.
- 4. Look at how member agreements are cooperative with each other.
- 5. Better collaboration and reduction of barriers to collaborate.
- 6. More collaboration across institutes- less competition with specific funded efforts.
- 7. The **network should work towards** more commonality (membership + IP + coordination) with the USG.
- 8. Better way of identifying **common/cross-cutting** areas with higher level support (example could there be subgroups **that help institutes collaborate** within a specific technology space?
- 9. Better models of engagement for **cross-institute** projects **cross collaboration** across all institutes with an effective implementation process
- 10. More successful **cross collaborations** both driven by federal (top-down) and organically among the institutes (bottom-up)



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- The remaining questions will be answered by one person per table.



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Dig Deep into Great Things we can Actually Do with our Network



What does cross-institute collaboration look like during a typical workday (e.g., emails, meetings, ideation, project management, coffee, none....)? Answer individually.

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What is the best way to identify topics of interest for cross-institute collaboration?

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What barriers exist for the institutes to experience cross-agency and cross-institute collaboration?

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What detailed topics should be considered for crossinstitute collaboration?

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#### **Next Steps**

#### Where do we go from here?

- Use the responses to develop proposals on collaborative actions and share with the Manufacturing USA Council
- Form teams of interested members
- Develop and share recommendations with network members













### Break



