



Manufacturing USA[®] Institute Recognition Notification Letter

2026 Manufacturing USA Network Meeting

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An interagency team building partnerships with U.S. industry and academia

Formal Designation as a Manufacturing USA Institute

- Official National Recognition
- Conferred by the Department of Commerce and NIST.
- Governed by federal statute 15 U.S.C. §278s.
- Validates institute's role in U.S. national strategy

Purpose of Recognition Notification Letter

- Communicate the benefits of participation in the Manufacturing USA[®] program
- Establish consistent expectations about the responsibilities and requirements for institutes
- Describe terms for the usage of the Manufacturing USA brand
- Provide statutory grounding (15 U.S.C. §278s(d)(3)(C)(i))
- Set the foundation for post-recognition MOUs

Recognition paragraph

- States recognition
- Commits to working with your institute to achieve the Manufacturing USA vision

*This letter is to confirm that your institute is recognized as a Manufacturing USA institute by the Office of Advanced Manufacturing (OAM), within the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), throughout your period of Federal agency sponsorship. This recognition signifies the commitment of the Department of Commerce and NIST, as the home of the National Program Office for Manufacturing USA, to work together with your institute and the rest of the network to achieve the vision of **U.S. global leadership in advanced manufacturing.***

Summary of Required Institute Responsibilities

- Support Manufacturing USA goals
 - U.S. competitiveness
 - Technology transition
 - Workforce development
 - Durable network
- Provide required reporting through your federal sponsor
- Follow Manufacturing USA brand manual and logo requirements

Responsibilities as a Manufacturing USA Institute

As a recognized Manufacturing USA institute, your institute is expected to continue to fulfill the following responsibilities.

Required Responsibilities

1. **Actively support goals of the Manufacturing USA Program:** *The institute will support the four strategic goals that flow from the program's statutory purposes: Increase the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing; transition innovative technologies into scalable domestic manufacturing capabilities; develop an advanced manufacturing workforce; and promote a durable network of institutes serving national priorities.*
2. **Reporting:** *The institute will support the program's annual reporting requirements as communicated through the institute's Federal Sponsor. This includes providing timely responses to requests for metrics data, success stories, and other information as needed and appropriate to support accurate representation in the program's annual report to Congress and related documents.*
3. **Brand Compliance:** *The institute is authorized to use the Manufacturing USA logo in accordance with, and shall uphold the standards outlined in, the Manufacturing USA Brand Manual (provided previously and shared again with this notification), while utilizing the DOC-trademarked Manufacturing USA logo and associated materials in your communications and marketing efforts. Authorization to use the Manufacturing USA logo as described in the Manufacturing USA Brand Manual is limited to recognized institutes and such authorization is revoked if and when the institute is no longer recognized .*

Summary of Discretionary Institute Responsibilities

These activities are optional but encouraged

- Provide updates for use in network communications
- Participate in network activities to strengthen the ecosystem such as:
 - Network meetings
 - Manufacturing USA Council
 - Technical working groups

Discretionary Responsibilities

As a recognized Manufacturing USA institute, your institute is encouraged, but not required, to participate in the following activities.

- 1. Network Updates and Communications:** *At its discretion, the institute may provide regular updates and reports on its activities, achievements, and collaboration efforts with other institutes to be featured in broader network communications.*
- 2. Network Activities:** *The institute is encouraged to engage in the Manufacturing USA ecosystem to foster cross-sector innovation. Participation may include:*
 - a. Annual Network Meeting:** *Attending the flagship national gathering of institute leaders and federal stakeholders to align on strategic priorities.*
 - b. Manufacturing USA Council:** *Participating in leadership discussions and governance activities that shape the future of the network.*
 - c. Technical Working Groups:** *Joining cross-institute cohorts focused on shared technical challenges, such as cybersecurity in manufacturing or supply chain resilience.*

Key Benefit: Marketing and National Reach

- **National Recognition:** as a Manufacturing USA Institute
- **Commerce Support:** Participation in regional summits, Congressional briefings, in NIST-convened workforce, communications, outreach, and collaboration opportunities and workshops.
- **Brand:** Leveraging the Department of Commerce-trademarked Manufacturing USA logo and brand to attract private-sector and academic partners.

Communications and Outreach

- ManufacturingUSA.com
- Annual Reports
- Strategic communications and campaigns
- Industry outreach events
- EWD and Communications Team coordination support



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Videos and Photo Shoots Promoting Institute and Network Activities



Manufacturing USA Modern Makers

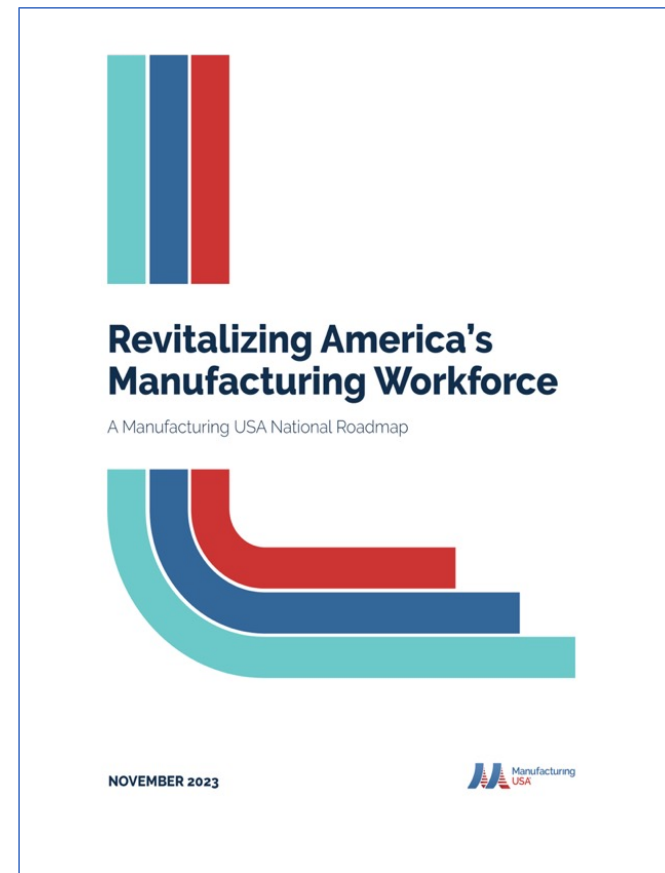


Modern Makers celebrates individuals who help secure the future of U.S. manufacturing through innovation, collaboration, and education.

Education and Workforce Development Roadmap

Identified core priorities

- Partner with institutes and their members
- Engage agency partners
- Develop the workforce for advanced manufacturing technologies
- Accelerate an advanced manufacturing workforce



Advanced Manufacturing Occupation and Competency Framework

- Define common KSAs (knowledge, skills, and abilities)
- Support:
 - Credentialing
 - Pre-apprenticeships/Apprenticeships
 - Co-developing workforce skills for emerging technologies
 - Scaling efforts to increase U.S. advanced manufacturing workforce



Key Benefit: Federal Funding Eligibility

Exclusive Access: Recognition is a prerequisite for specific federal assistance awards.

Examples:

- NSF "Dear Colleague" Letter Awards - \$45 M
- NIST Pandemic and Economic Resilience Awards (CARES and ARP) - \$160 M
- Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Agency (EDA) awards - \$48 M
- More award opportunities to come

Ensuring Continuity: The Path Beyond Federal Sponsorship

- Recognition ends with federal sponsorship unless renewed via MOU.
- The institute must request continued recognition.
- An MOU will outline expectations for continued participation.

After Conclusion of Federal Sponsorship

NIST recognition of your institute, as conferred by this letter, extends through the institute's period of federal sponsorship, which ensures alignment with the Manufacturing USA Program's objectives. This recognition terminates when the period of federal sponsorship ends.

For recognition as a Manufacturing USA institute for purposes of participation in the network beyond the period of federal sponsorship, your institute can request continued recognition as outlined in 15 U.S.C. §278s(d)(3). If your request for recognition is approved by DOC/NIST, your institute will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NIST. The MOU will specify the conditions and expectations for ongoing participation in the Manufacturing USA program.

To allow time for evaluation and to prevent a lapse in recognition, NIST recommends that your institute request recognition promptly after being informed by the sponsoring agency of the decision to end federal sponsorship.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the responsibilities, benefits, or the recognition process, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing U.S. manufacturing. We look forward to our continued partnership.