ADVANCED MANUFACTURING LABORATORY

at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Livermore Valley Open Campus

accelerating manufacturing technology development through strategic partnerships
BECOME A STRATEGIC PARTNER OF THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING LABORATORY

Since 1952, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) has provided solutions to the nation’s most important national security challenges through innovative science, engineering, and technology. Our new Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory (AML) will bring together science and engineering expertise, leading-edge technology, academic partners, and industry experience under one roof.

Located in the heart of the Livermore Valley Open Campus and adjacent to LLNL's main campus, the AML will be the birthplace of tomorrow’s most innovative manufacturing processes and products. We are actively searching for strategic partners to help make this vision a reality.

The AML will house the most advanced and capable equipment in the field of advanced/additive manufacturing, some of which are not yet commercially available. Additional resources will include material evaluation and characterization equipment, high-performance computing (HPC) modeling and simulation systems, and manufacturing capabilities from several active LLNL programs. Advances made at the AML will be accelerated through a motivation of dual-purpose applications—both commercial and government products.
FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

The AML is a $10 million, 14,000-square-foot facility scheduled for operation in early 2018. The facility is designed to accommodate a wide range of equipment and materials.

- **WET LAB**: approximately 5,000 square feet total with over 150 square feet of fume hood working space as well as reconfigurable workbenches, cabinetry, and electrical and mechanical utilities.
- **DRY LAB**: approximately 5,000 square feet total with Class II, Division 2 enclosure for processing reactive materials.
- **CENTRAL**: corridor for observation and individual room access.
- **PARTITIONING**: for maintaining confidential work areas.
- **MULTIMEDIA**: conference room.
- **SHARED**: work area with computer and network access.
- **LEED**: Gold Certification.
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

AML strategic partners will enjoy research and development benefits via forward-thinking agreements tailored to each party’s needs. Our goals:

• Ensure exclusive space allocation
• Define equipment use
• Preserve industry intellectual property ownership
• Respect confidentiality

Our mutually beneficial partnership strategy is driven by a concept known as Spin-Out/Spin-In. Technology developed at the AML “spins-out” for commercial application and development, while also offering the opportunity for LLNL to “spin-in” commercially developed products or processes. The process also works in the other direction: The commercial partner’s technology is enhanced with LLNL advancements and expertise, after which it is adapted to the partner’s products.
Manufacturing is undergoing a dramatic transition enabled by new techniques, new materials, and HPC modeling and simulation resources. At the AML, our leadership and expertise in manufacturing science will help partners address a wide range of market challenges while reducing production costs and time.

We are establishing five research tracks for AML partnerships, all of which have commercial and government applications.

**RESEARCH TRACK 1 // DESIGN**

*High-performance materials, devices, components, and assemblies enabled by innovative HPC modeling and simulation*

Advanced algorithms enable scientists to solve challenging design and manufacturing problems and drive materials development in new directions. A pioneering initiative at LLNL uses mathematical optimization methods to improve the design process resulting in unique materials with unnatural properties or completely new and nonintuitive product topologies based on user requirements.
LLNL’s expertise in synthesis and characterization covers a spectrum of materials, including liquid photo resins, metal particles, wires and melts, sophisticated nanomaterials, and other custom feedstocks and mixtures.

LLNL develops new manufacturing processes for a range of materials and length scales from custom direct-ink writing extrusion to laser diode-based systems, which could produce objects orders of magnitude faster and at reduced cost—just to name a few.
LLNL scientists develop materials for a range of applications, such as 3D-printed graphene aerogel for batteries and supercapacitors; ultra-lightweight, strong, stiff materials; and even new materials and structures for carbon dioxide capture.

LLNL accelerates qualification by using HPC process modeling and simulation paired with in situ diagnostics, targeted experiments, data mining, and uncertainty quantification. Our methods optimize the heating, melting, cooling, and solidification processes associated with metal additive manufacturing. We apply similar methods to a number of emerging advanced manufacturing technologies.