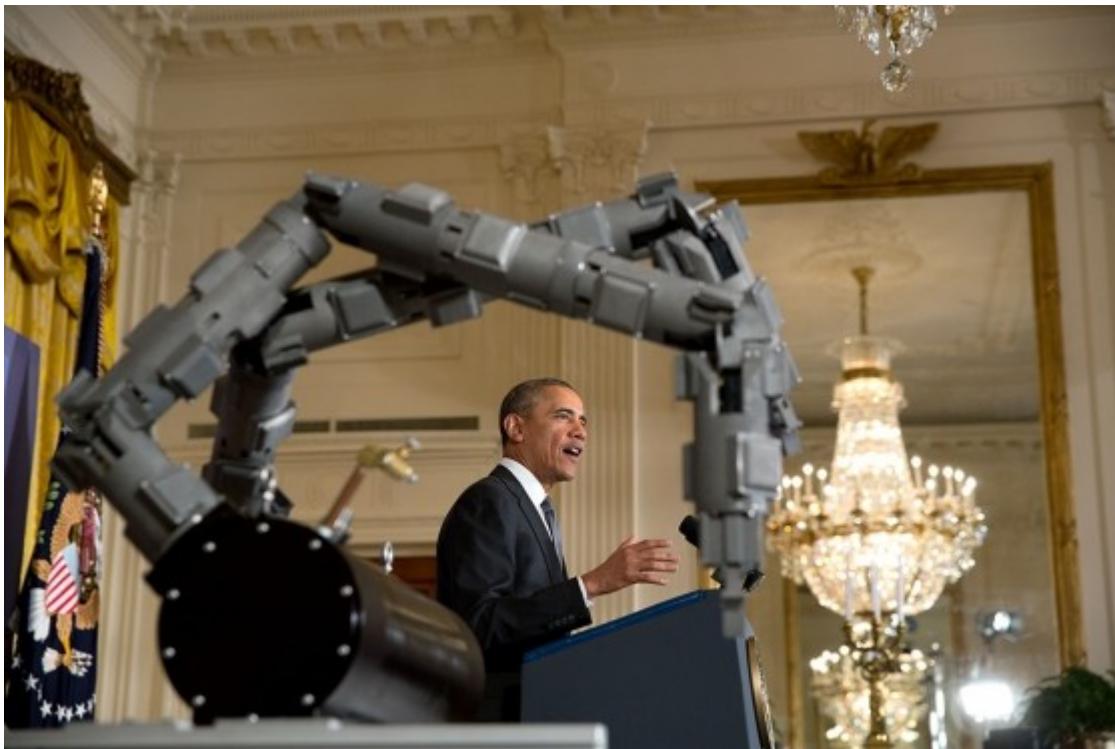


Manufacturing Innovation Institutes: Putting America at the Forefront of 21st Century Manufacturing



President Barack Obama delivers remarks announcing two new public-private Manufacturing Innovation Institutes, and launches the first of four new Manufacturing Innovation Institute Competitions, in the East Room of the White House, Feb. 25, 2014. (Official White House Photo by Lawrence Jackson)

Today President Obama [announced two new public-private manufacturing innovation institutes](#) – one in Chicago and one in the Detroit area -- as well as a competition for the first of four additional institutes that will boost advanced manufacturing in the United States and attract the types of high-quality jobs that a growing middle class requires.

"For generations of Americans, manufacturing was the ticket to a good, middle-class life. The stuff we made – like steel and cars and planes – is what made America what it is," [President Obama said](#). "But advances in technology allowed manufacturers to do more with less, and global competition meant a lot of good manufacturing jobs went overseas."

Today, our manufacturing industry is adding jobs -- more than 620,000 over the last four years. "But the economy has changed," President Obama said. "And if we want to attract more good manufacturing jobs to America, we've got to make sure we're on the cutting edge of new manufacturing techniques and technologies."

That's what these new hubs are all about. They're partnerships – they bring together companies and universities to develop cutting-edge technology, train workers to use that technology, and make sure research is turned into real-world products made by American workers.

Each institute serves as a regional hub, bridging the gap between applied research and product development by bringing together companies, universities and other academic and training institutions, and federal agencies to co-invest in key technology areas that encourage investment and production in the United States.

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