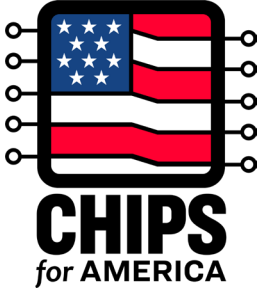
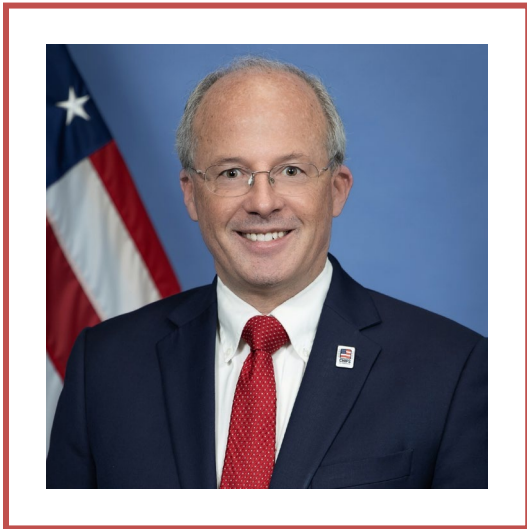
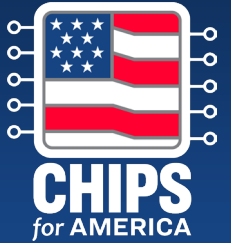


# CHIPS Digital Twin Manufacturing USA Institute



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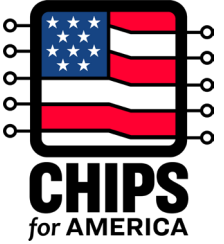
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**In addition to workforce development, what is the biggest opportunity for digital twin technologies? (Pick 1)**

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**What are the biggest challenges that need to be solved to realize the full potential of digital twins for semiconductor manufacturing ? (Pick 2)**

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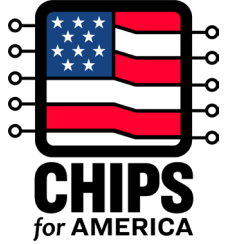
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**What are the additional big challenges to developing digital twin technologies for semiconductor manufacturing?**

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# CHIPS for America



## \$39 billion for incentives

Two component programs to:

1. Attract large-scale investments in advanced technologies such as leading-edge logic and memory, and advanced packaging
2. Incentivize expansion of manufacturing capacity for mature and other types of semiconductors

## \$11 billion for R&D

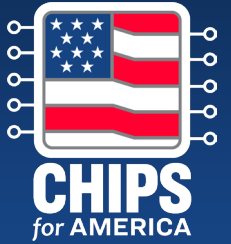
Four integrated programs to:

1. Conduct research and prototyping of advanced semiconductor technology
2. Strengthen semiconductor advanced packaging, assembly, and test
3. Enable advances in measurement science, standards, material characterization, instrumentation, testing, and manufacturing

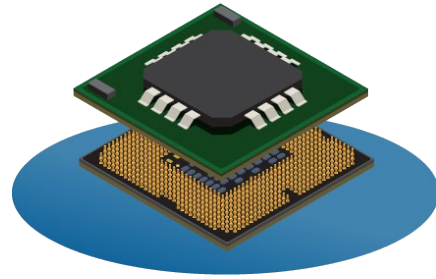
Plus CHIPS initiatives from other agencies, including DOD, State, NSF, and Treasury



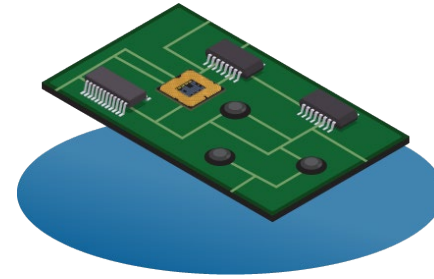
# CHIPS R&D Programs



**Metrology**



**National  
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Technology Center**



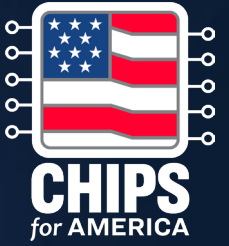
**National Advanced  
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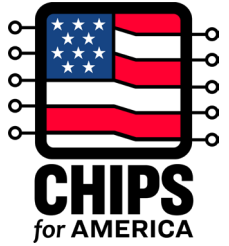
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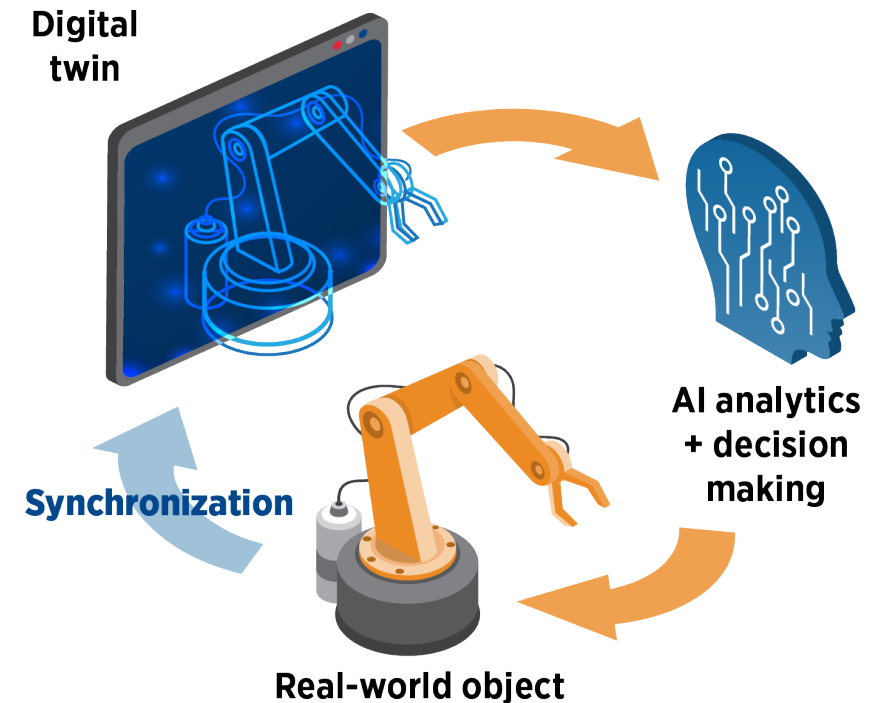


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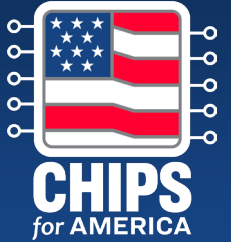
- Establish one institute with the potential for significant impact on semiconductor manufacturing
- Topic: Digital twins
- Minimum expected NIST commitment ~\$200 million over a five-year period
- Anticipate a greater than 1:1 cost share
- Analysis of RFI responses, industry feedback, listening sessions across 15+ engagements, and technology opportunities across the CHIPS R&D portfolio.

# What is a digital twin?

- A **virtual** representation or model that serves as the real-time digital counterpart of a physical object or process.
- Benefits
  - Innovate faster and at less expense
  - Access feasible for small and medium businesses
  - Enhance training modalities
  - Shorten process design and validation times
  - Improve facility performance
- Challenges
  - Being able to produce and access the **data** needed to validate digital twins and power machine learning and AI tools
  - Strategic industry **collaboration**, which requires a neutral convener to build trust and bring together all parties to share the risks and rewards of working across boundaries
  - Significant **financial investment**, which is out of reach for small and medium-sized manufacturers to do themselves



# Selection of Topic

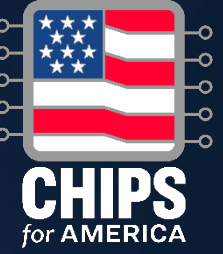


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## **CHIPS Manufacturing USA Institute on digital twins for manufacturing processes**

Decision based on inputs from:

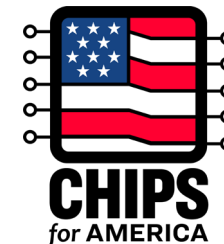
- Manufacturing USA – RFI for Semiconductor-Related Manufacturing USA Institutes
- CHIPS R&D Workshops
  - September 2023 Standards Summit
  - December 2023 Chiplet and Digital Twin Standards
- PCAST and CHIPS IAC recommendations
- Stakeholder meetings



# Carol Handwerker

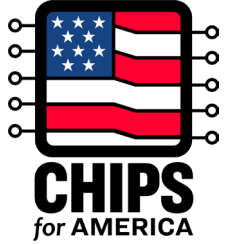
Digital Twins to Revolutionize Lab-to-Fab Transitions

# Semiconductor Industry Needs

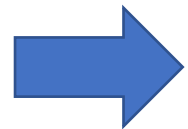


- CHIPS for America Industrial Advisory Committee
- SRC Roadmap for Microelectronics and Advanced Packaging Technologies
- NIST Semiconductor Metrology and Standards Workshops
- IPC Workshop on Advanced Packaging and Roadmap for Industry 4.0

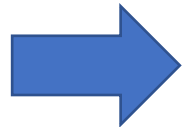
# Industrial Advisory Committee Recommendations



Establish five key capabilities aimed to lower the barriers to entry and success for innovators. These capabilities will rely on a **network of physical and virtual facilities.**



- Establish easily accessible prototyping capabilities in multiple facilities and enact the ability to rapidly try out CMOS+X at a scale that is relevant to industry

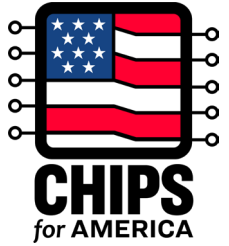


- Create a semiverse digital twin

*Pervasive AI-enabled deep learning and model development applied to semiconductor R&D, design, and manufacturing*

- Establish chiplets ecosystem and 3D heterogeneous integration platform for chiplet innovation and advanced packaging
- Build an accessible platform for chip design and enable new EDA tools that treat 3D (monolithic or stacked) as an intrinsic assumption
- Create a nurturing ecosystem for promising startups

# Industrial Advisory Committee Recommendations

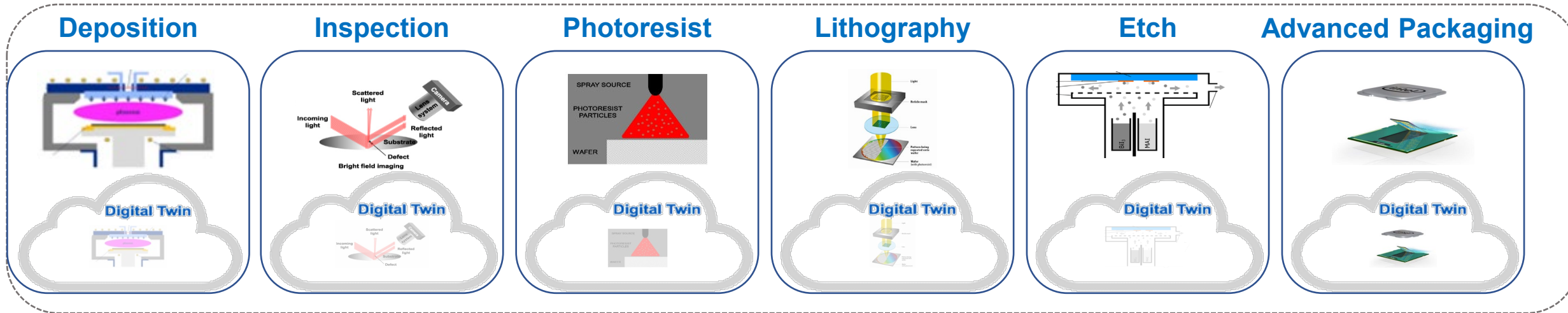
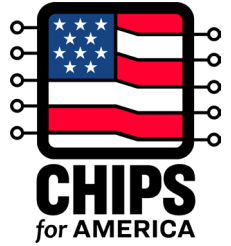


Identify a small number of application-driven grand challenges to inspire innovation across the computing stack and spans fundamental materials, equipment and process R&D; design and manufacturing.

- Improve computing energy efficiency by 1,000X in a decade including leveraging domain specific accelerators and architectures, and innovation in materials, process and equipment technologies.
- Develop and implement next-generation semiconductor manufacturing that is 10X more capital and human resource efficient and achieve net zero emissions with minimum waste and demonstrated sustainable materials in the next decade.
- CHIPS Act R&D programs to prioritize additional application grand challenges with advice from stakeholders



# Semiconductor Manufacturing Process Flow



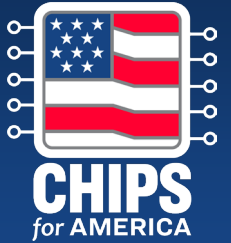
## Ultimate product is a device:

- Co-design: function, process, materials, tools
- 1000+ process steps
- 70+ masks
- Hundreds of materials
- Hundreds of different tools



**Digital twin:** AI-enabled model development through an integrated system of tools, materials, processes, sensors, algorithms, data analytics

# Use of AI at the Edge in a Smart Factory - Micron Example



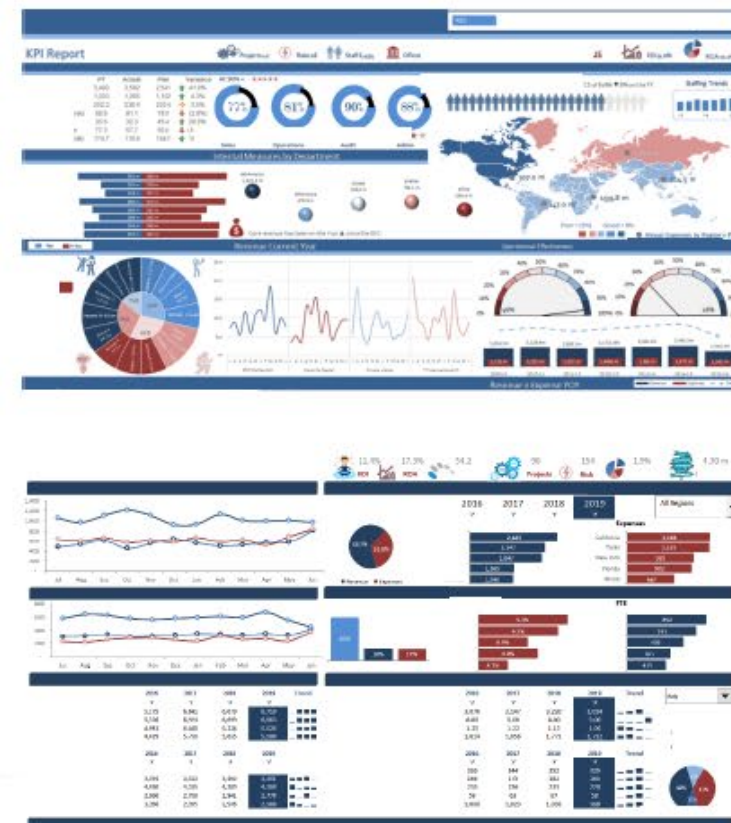
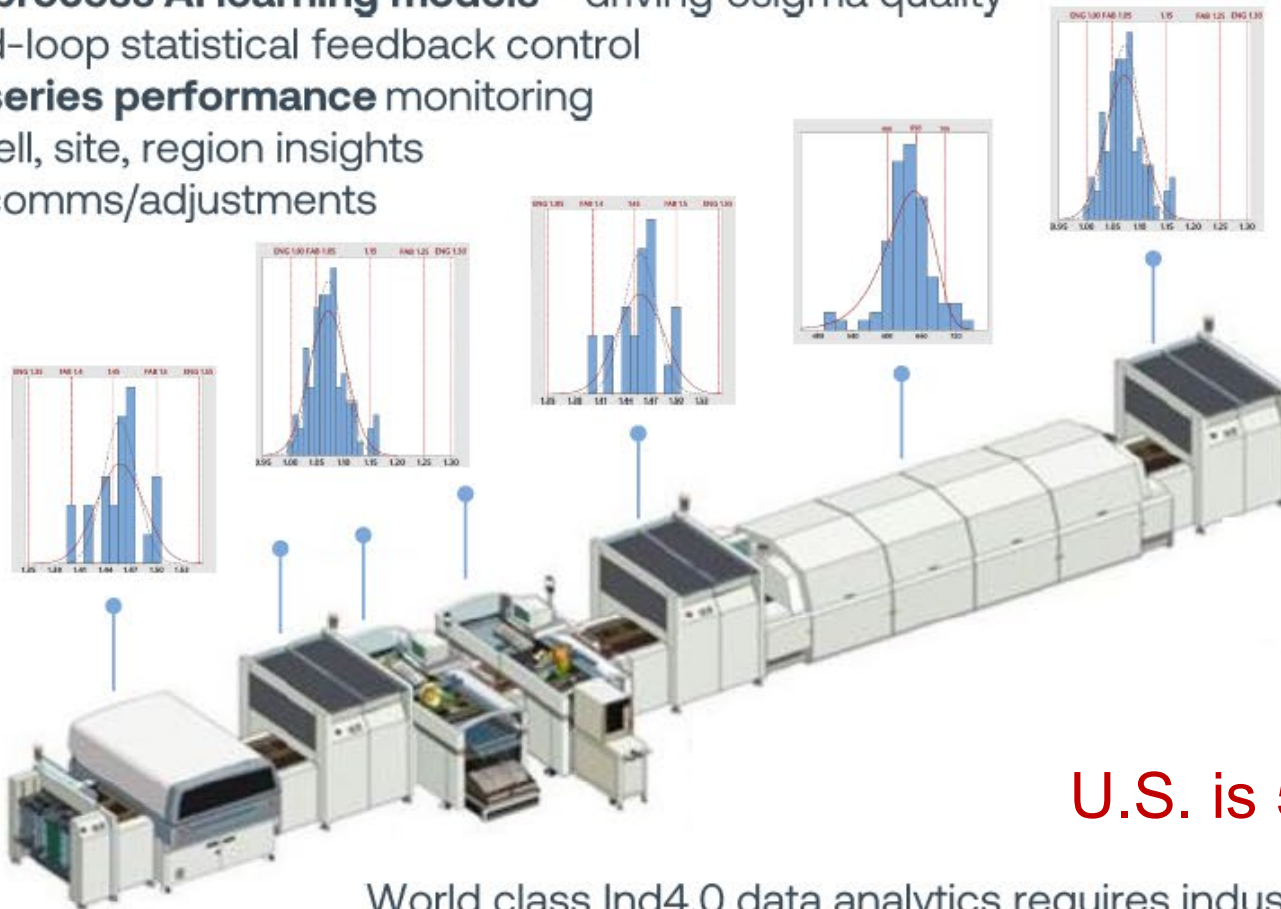
- **AI to improve factory efficiency**
  - Need data analysis locally, at the factory
- **Deploy IoT platform for early detection with IoT sensors (image, acoustic, video)**
  - Infrequent events, detect low-frequency, high-impact events
  - Automate root-cause analysis and prescribe action
  - Example: Detect dispense of nozzle tip and nearby area, time period of dispense (if irregular, stop tool)
  - Install on tools, such as photo tools
  - “Image analytics” detect deviation from standard to decrease variability
- **Large amount of data, visually examine**
  - 470,000 sensors
  - 13 terabytes of data
  - 15.6 million wafer images weekly
- **Automatically provide diagnostics**

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# Challenge #3: Achieve high quality, yield, throughput – Data Analytics

## Manufacturing line – secure, real-time, big data sets (FEOL, BEOL)

- Individual process control, reports, Cp, Cpk, dashboards
- Multi-process AI learning models – driving 6sigma quality
- Closed-loop statistical feedback control
- Time series performance monitoring
- Line, cell, site, region insights
- M2M comms/adjustments



U.S. is 5-8 years behind Asia-Pacific

World class Ind4.0 data analytics requires industry-wide, open-source machine data communication protocol eg) IPC-2591 CFX

IPC – Matt Kelly, 2021

300 mm



**(1) Late-stage Prototyping at Advanced Nodes**  
*No Process Changes*



**(2) Mid/Late-stage Prototyping CMOS+X**  
*Changes: Mostly BEOL, some FEOL*



**(3) Pathfinding New Materials/Process Dev**  
*Process Experimentation*

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**(4) Mid/Late-stage Prototyping CMOS + X**  
*New Materials allowed*

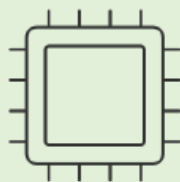


**(5) Concept Hardening to Mid-stage**  
*Changes/New Materials allowed*

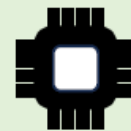


**(6) NSTC-enhanced University Facilities**  
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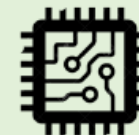
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**(7a) Late-stage Prototyping Standard Chiplet Interfaces**  
*No or minimal changes*

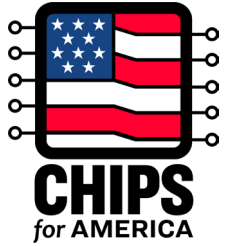


**(7b) Pathfinding Advanced + standard Packaging**  
*Controlled changes allowed*

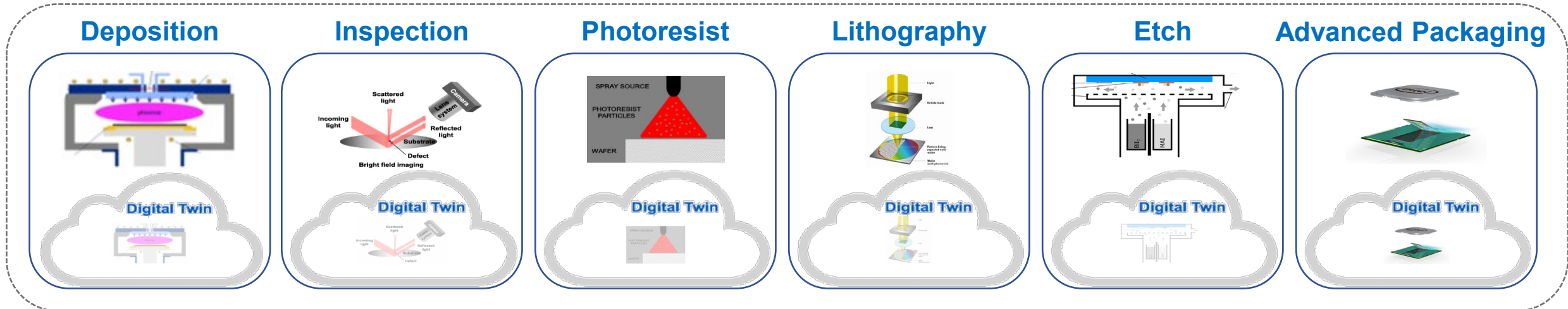


**(7c) Early-Stage Proof-of-Concept Process and tool development**  
*Changes/New Materials allowed*

# Innovation in Semiconductor Manufacturing



Development of digital twins for semiconductor prototyping and manufacturing: AI-based model development through integrated (materials, equipment, process) + metrology/sensors + AI/data analytics



## Level 1: Fixed Flow

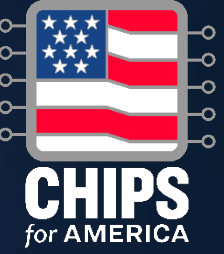
- For innovations in chip design, process optimization, yield improvement ...
- No new materials, equipment, or processes

## Level 2: Modified Flow

- Introduce and optimize new materials, equipment, processes
- AI yields new models and interactions

## Level 3: Integrated with Discovery

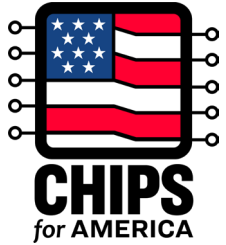
- Integrate manufacturing processes into discovery
- AI created new models and interactions to reduce time to manufacturing readiness



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CHIPS Digital Twin Manufacturing USA Institute

# Digital Twin Institute



## Vision

Enable **seamless integration of digital twin models** into the U.S. semiconductor manufacturing, advanced packaging, and assembly industries, enabling rapid adoption of innovations and enhancing domestic competitiveness for decades.

## Mission

Foster a **collaborative environment** within the domestic semiconductor industry, enabled by the world's first **shared semiconductor Digital Twin process validation facility**, industry-relevant research projects, and digital-twin supported workforce training.

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**For the shared facility to solve common industry challenges, what is the most important federal investment that will lead to private co-investment? (Pick 1)**

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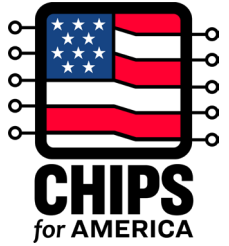


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**What other areas of this shared facility should receive federal investment?**

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# Digital Twin Institute Objectives

**Reduce** the time and cost for chip development and manufacturing

**Accelerate** the adoption of semiconductor manufacturing innovations

**Increase** access to semiconductor manufacturing training through the adoption of digital twin-enabled tools

**Expand** access to digital twin tools, solutions and frameworks

# Digital Twin Institute Approach

A physical facility and digital framework, integrated with industry-led research projects

## 1 Establish a shared physical facility

- Expected activities:
- Baseline facility testbed
  - Digital emulation hardware
  - Core technical & operations staff



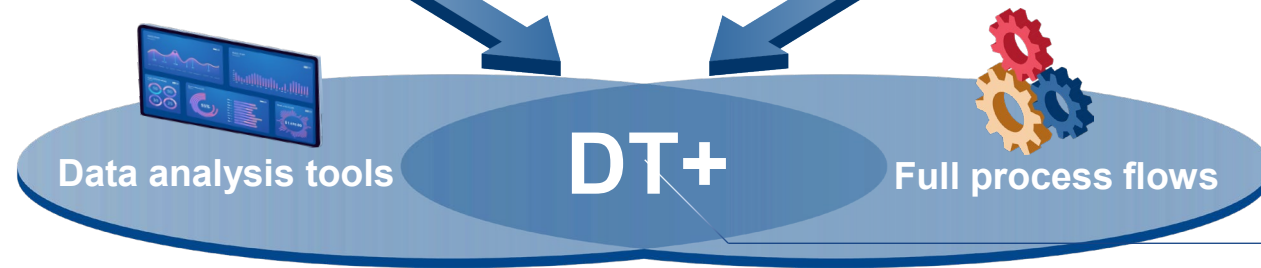
## 2 Competitively fund industry-led technical and workforce development projects

Deliver technical solutions, de-risk new tools, and conduct data analysis

Develop and test education & workforce development tools enabled by digital twins



## 3 Digital framework for interoperable data and models



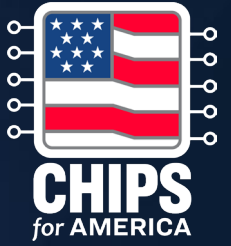
## 4 Create a shared marketplace of digital twin models

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**In addition to a shared facility, what institute-led technical project topics are most important to your organization? (Pick 3)**

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# Mojdeh Bahar

Manufacturing USA

# Manufacturing USA Vision and Mission

**VISION:** Securing U.S. Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing

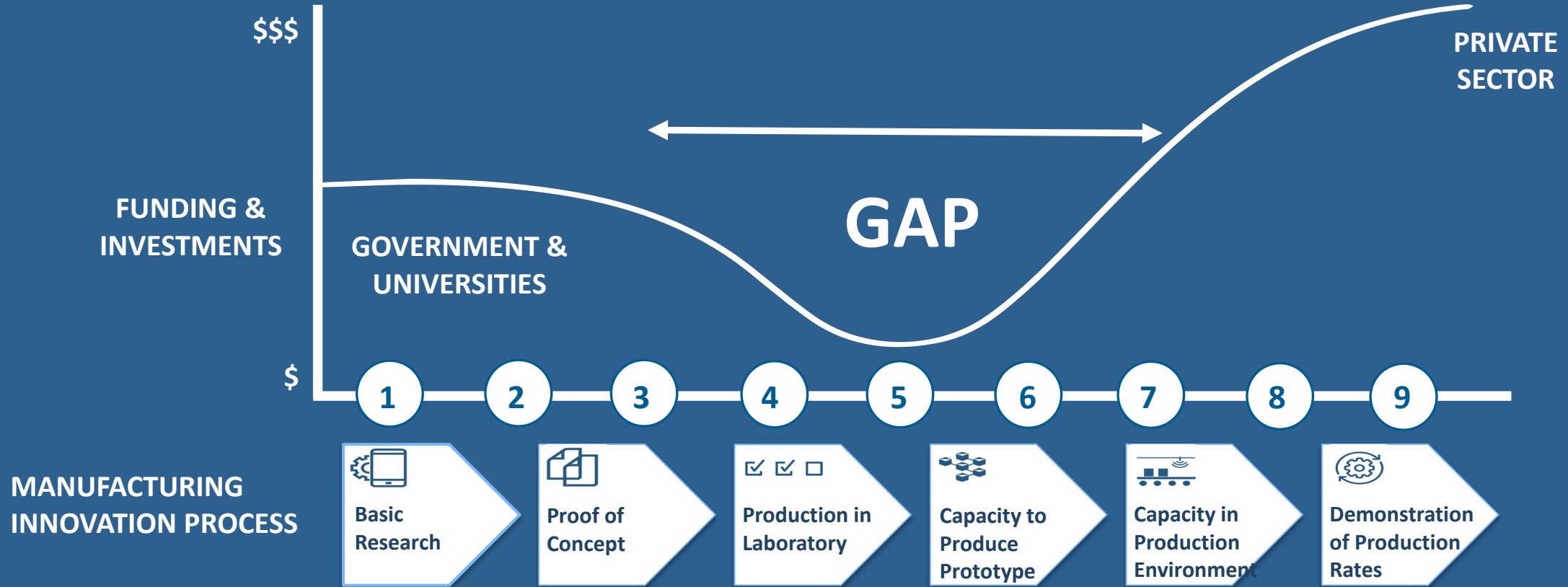
**MISSION:** Connecting people, ideas, and technology to:

- solve industry-relevant advanced manufacturing challenges
- enhance industrial competitiveness and economic growth
- strengthen our economic and national security

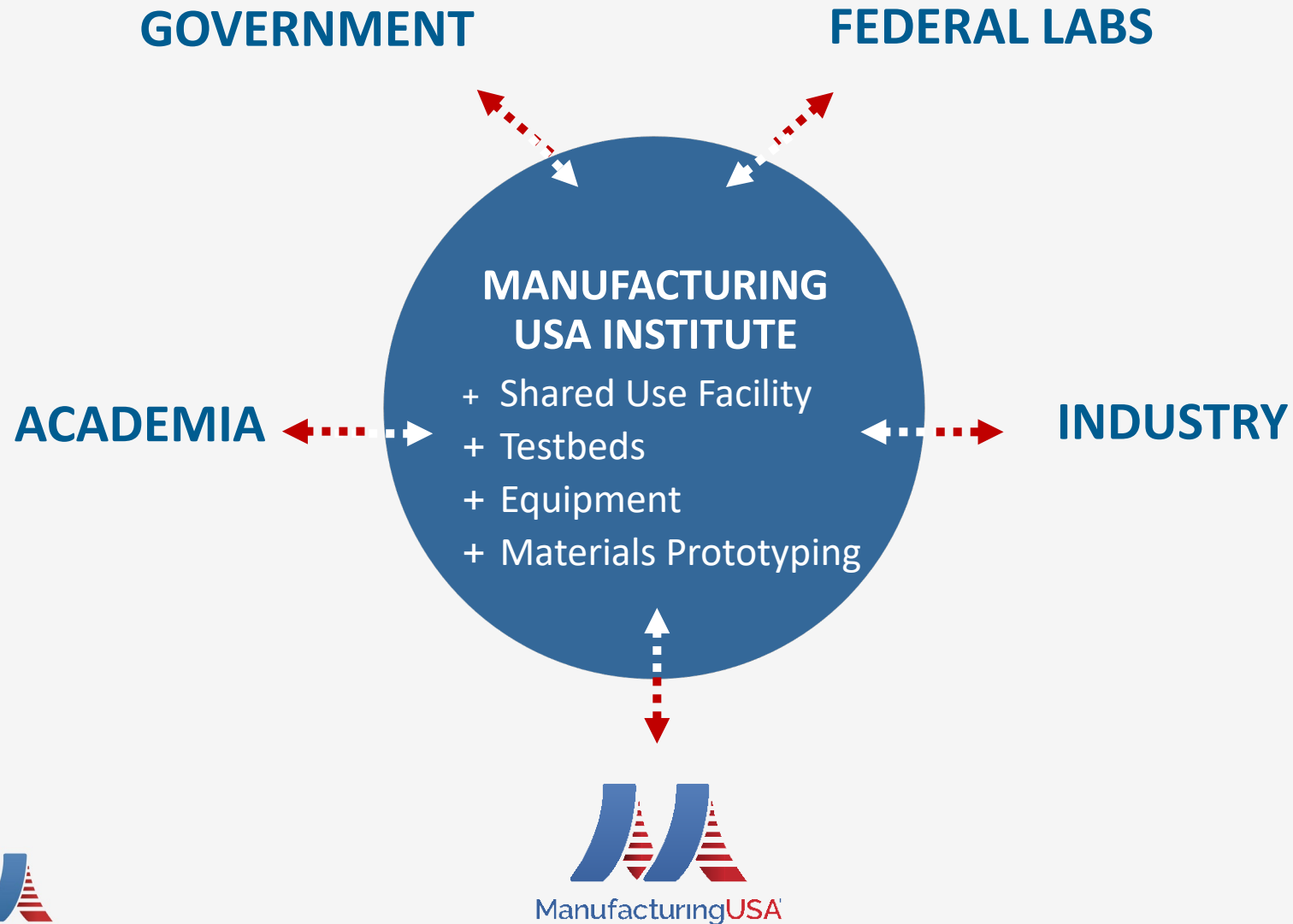


# Manufacturing USA Purpose: Accelerate Discovery to U.S. Production

Create an effective collaboration environment for applied industry research to "bridge the gap" from discovery to production.



# Institute Partnership Model



## Common Institute Design:

- Industry-led public-private partnership
- Typically \$70-120M federal investment
- At least 1:1 match with private funds
- Neutral convening for collaborations
- Each institute develops a unique technology
- Institutes address the education and workforce skills gap for their technologies



# Manufacturing USA Network: 17 Institutes and Growing

## ELECTRONICS



Integrated Photonics  
Albany, NY  
Rochester, NY



Flexible Hybrid  
Electronics  
San Jose, CA



Wide Bandgap Semiconductors  
Raleigh, NC

## MATERIALS



Advanced Fibers and Textiles  
Cambridge, MA



Advanced Composites  
Knoxville, TN  
Detroit, MI



Advanced Materials  
Detroit, MI

## ENERGY/ ENVIRONMENT



Modular Chemical  
Process Intensification  
New York, NY



Sustainable  
Manufacturing  
Rochester, NY



Smart Manufacturing  
Los Angeles, CA



Industrial Process  
Decarbonization  
Tempe, AZ

## DIGITAL/ AUTOMATION



Additive Manufacturing  
Youngstown, OH  
El Paso, TX



Advanced Robotics & AI  
Pittsburgh, PA



Digital Manufacturing  
& Cybersecurity  
Chicago, IL



Cybersecurity in  
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San Antonio, TX

## BIO- MANUFACTURING



Regenerative  
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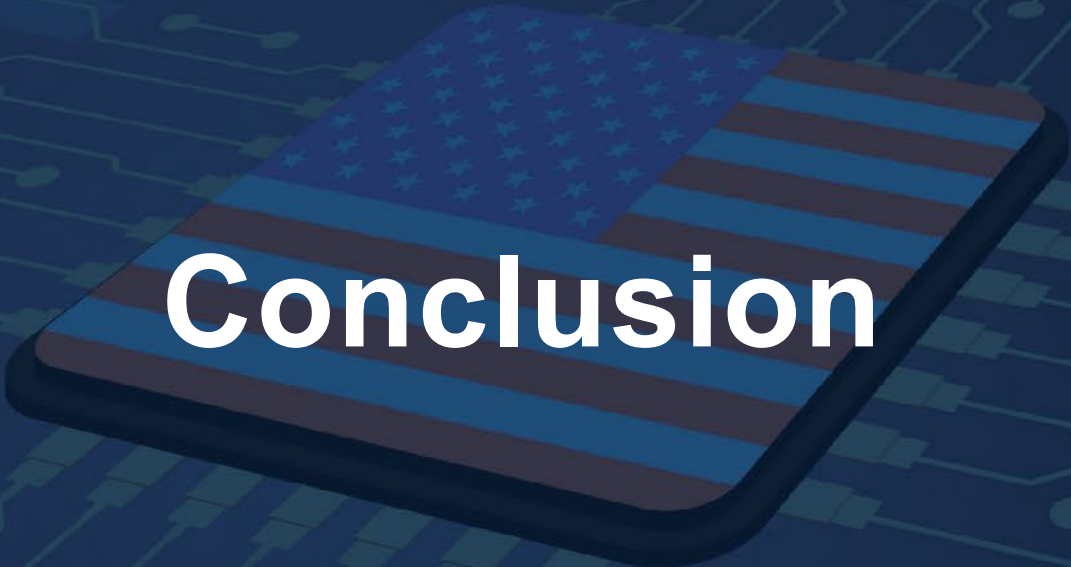
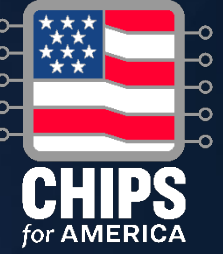
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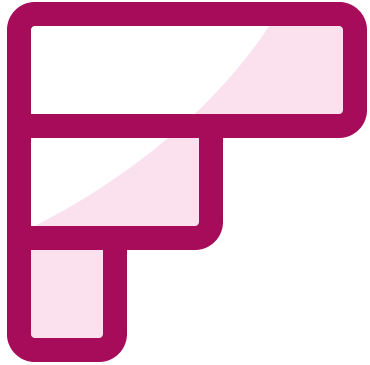


+ New CHIPS Manufacturing USA institute  
Upcoming NIST competition for another new institute



# Conclusion

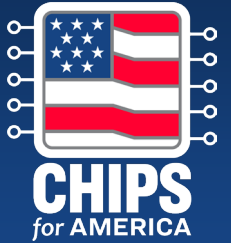
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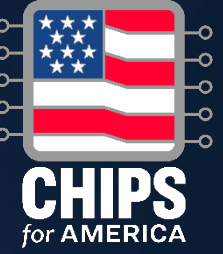
**What areas would be most important for your organization to co-invest in, based on the value you expect to receive? (Ranking)**

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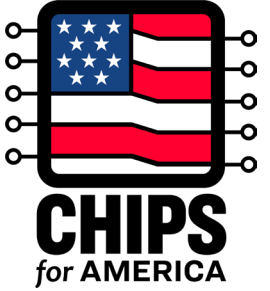
# Next Steps



- Notice of Funding Opportunity — Spring of 2024
- Webinars and Proposer Days
- Sign up for emails from CHIPS.gov for details on webinars, events, and funding opportunities
- Send your outstanding questions to [research@chips.gov](mailto:research@chips.gov)



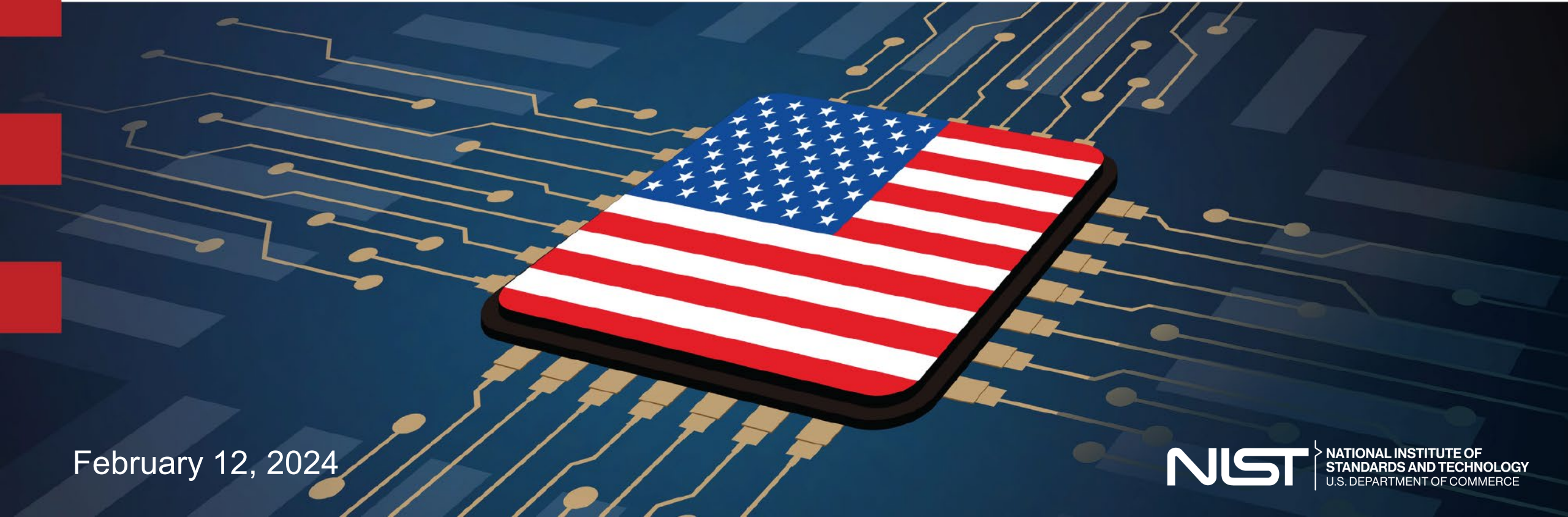
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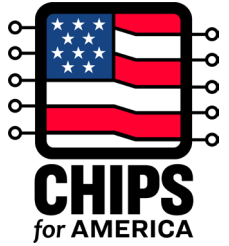
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CHIPS Digital Twin Industry Day

Break Out Sessions

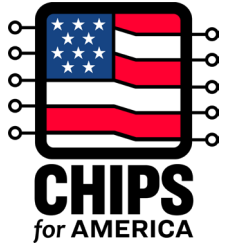


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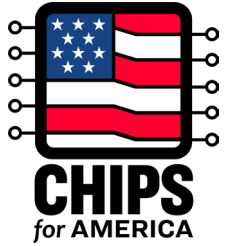


# Breakout Session 1

## Key Research Projects

1. In your opinion, what are the key research problems we need to solve to make digital twin tools that contribute to an accelerated innovation cycle?
2. In your opinion, what are the most impactful digital twin problems that member-led research projects in this institute should address?
  - a. How should investments in member-led projects be distributed between manufacturing readiness levels 4-7 (where solutions are often shared) versus higher MRLs (where solutions are proprietary and only general outcomes are shared)?
  - b. How should we balance investment between shared industry challenges and specific member-led projects?





# Breakout Session 2

## Physical Testbed

1. If we set up a Manufacturing USA digital twin shared facility, what are the most important gaps for federal funds to address that can maximize innovation and participation from a company like yours?
  - a. In your opinion, what should the institute invest in for your sector to get the most benefit?
  - b. What kind of participation do you imagine for your company?
  - c. If your company were to participate in a shared facility, what co-investment might you provide? Under what terms?