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I am responding to the federal register notice on how to structure the proposed new Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia. My suggestion comes from my experience in federal grant writing for manufacturing research funding. Currently, federal grant money in manufacturing research comes through NSF, DOE, DOC, Homeland Security..... and others. To write for a grant in manufacturing is too complicated because of so much overlap in research topics between these federal agencies.

I propose this new AMTech Consortia be structured in a way that it can be a central single point of contact for all federal manufacturing research. In this way the taxpayer gains efficiency of funding while the research grant writer is better able to know the overall objectives. This proposal is similar to the way DARPA is a central research agency for all five branches of our military.

AMTech would be the central research agency for all manufacturing research. Equally important, is to build in checks and balances so that at least 34% of all research funding goes to small agencies, small companies, and small universities. This 1/3 rule would be to ensure continual innovation from broad perspectives and prevent the national labs and big 10 school from shutting out the others thereby limiting the innovation potential.

Sincerely,  
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