



# News Release

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## 3D Systems Teams Up With the White House to Transform American Manufacturing

- Participant in New Digital Lab for Manufacturing Headed by UI Labs
- Provide access to advanced design to manufacturing digital thread

**ROCK HILL, South Carolina –March 13, 2014 – [3D Systems](#)** (NYSE:DDD) today announced that it is teaming up with the White House, UI Labs, the Department of Defense and other industry and academic organizations on its recently announced [Digital Lab for Manufacturing](#). As part of this collaboration, 3DS plans to deliver its latest Geomagic® perceptual design to manufacturing tools including scan-to-CAD, and inspection products into the center, providing access for the American manufacturing industry to the most advanced design to manufacturing digital thread.

Headed by UI Labs and located in Chicago, the Digital Lab for Manufacturing is an applied research institute that is chartered with the development, demonstration and deployment of digital manufacturing technologies across key manufacturing industries. This White House initiative brings together 40 industry partners, more than 30 academic, government and community partners and an additional 500+ supporting companies.

The Digital Lab has a mission to transform the American manufacturing chain, to ensure the secure integration and communication of digital manufacturing data, and allow companies of any size to adopt emerging innovations in the space. This new center is the next step in the proposed [National Network for Manufacturing Innovation](#), consisting of regional hubs that will accelerate development and adoption of cutting-edge manufacturing technologies for new, globally competitive products. 3DS is also a founding and leading member of [America Makes](#) (formerly NAMII), the first center opened in this proposed national network.

“Perceptual design and manufacturing tools enable digital manufacturing technologies to catch up with advancements in design. ” said Ping Fu, Chief Strategy Officer, 3DS. “For America to lead in manufacturing, seamless digital threading needs to be readily democratized, localized and accessible; and the Digital Lab for Manufacturing is exactly what we needed to pave the way.”

Learn more about 3DS’ commitment to manufacturing the future today at [www.3dsystems.com](http://www.3dsystems.com).

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### **About 3D Systems Corporation**

3D Systems is a leading provider of 3D printing centric design-to-manufacturing solutions including 3D printers, print materials and cloud sourced on-demand custom parts for professionals and consumers alike in materials including plastics, metals, ceramics and edibles. The company also provides integrated 3D scan-based design, freeform modeling and inspection tools. Its products and services replace and complement traditional methods and reduce the time and cost of designing new products by printing real parts directly from digital input. These solutions are used to rapidly design, create, communicate, prototype or produce real parts, empowering customers to *manufacture the future*.

### **Leadership Through Innovation and Technology**

- 3DS invented 3D printing with its Stereolithography (SLA) printer and was the first to commercialize it in 1989.
- 3DS invented Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) printing and was the first to commercialize it in 1992.
- 3DS invented the Color-Jet-Printing (CJP) class of 3D printers and was the first to commercialize 3D powder-based systems in 1994.
- 3DS invented Multi-Jet-Printing (MJP) printers and was the first to commercialize it in 1996.

Today its comprehensive range of 3D printers is the industry's benchmark for production-grade manufacturing in aerospace, automotive, patient specific medical device and a variety of consumer, electronic and fashion accessories.

**More information on the company is available at [www.3DSystems.com](http://www.3DSystems.com).**