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# IACMI – The Composites Institute | AMMTO

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### **Project Overview**



#### **IACMI-The Composites Institute**

The Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation Knoxville, Tennessee

- Established in 2015 DOE Advanced Manufacturing Office
- One of 16 Manufacturing USA Institutes
- IACMI Mission: Convene, connect and catalyze the composites community to accelerate advanced composites design, manufacturing, technical and workforce solutions to enable a cleaner and more sustainable, more secure and more competitive U.S. economy
- Founding partners: University of Tennessee, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Additional core partners: Purdue (IN), National Renewable Energy Laboratory (CO), Michigan State University (MI), University of Dayton Research Institute (OH)
- Extensive ecosystem of core partners, state economic development agencies, trade associations, professional societies, workforce partners and multiple industry participants

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### **Project Outline**

**Innovation:** Reduce cost and embodied energy, and advance recycling of polymer composites

**Project Lead:** Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation **Project Partners:** Over 90, including small and large industry, universities and national labs

**Timeline:** June 2015 to June 2022, initial cooperative agreement complete

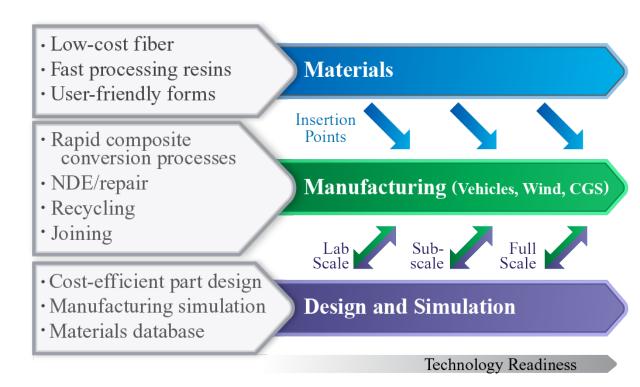
**Budget:** 

DOE Funded	\$70M
Project Cost Share	<u>\$130M</u>
Total	\$200M

**End Project Goal:** Demonstrate composites applications with more than 25% lower costs than the 2015 baseline, 50% lower embodied energy than the 2015 baseline and demonstrate greater than 80% recyclability of composites on a path to 95% recyclability.

### **Background & Strategic Approach**

- Initial vision for IACMI driven by "How do we catch and surpass Germany and the UK?"
  - Fraunhofer Institutes Pioneer in high volume composites processing for 20+ years
  - National Composites Centre UK created 2009, facility operations 2011 – early focus aerospace, then automotive
- Barriers to Composites Growth
  - High price of carbon fiber and intermediates
  - Slow manufacturing processes
  - How to design to true minimum mass
  - Confidence in manufacturing processes and performance
  - Carbon fiber manufacture is energy intensive
  - Traditional processes are high scrap
  - Inefficient recycling technologies and infrastructure



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#### **Ecosystem of Innovation**

- Core Partnerships with leading universities, national laboratories, gov't agencies
- Leveraging existing networks across technical, professional, and economic development organizations
- Driving R&D, commercial outcomes, economic growth, and supporting national security

#### **Extensive Industry Network**

- 120+ Active members in 39 states
- 100 Industry members (68% SMEs)



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Manufacturing assets at relevant scale



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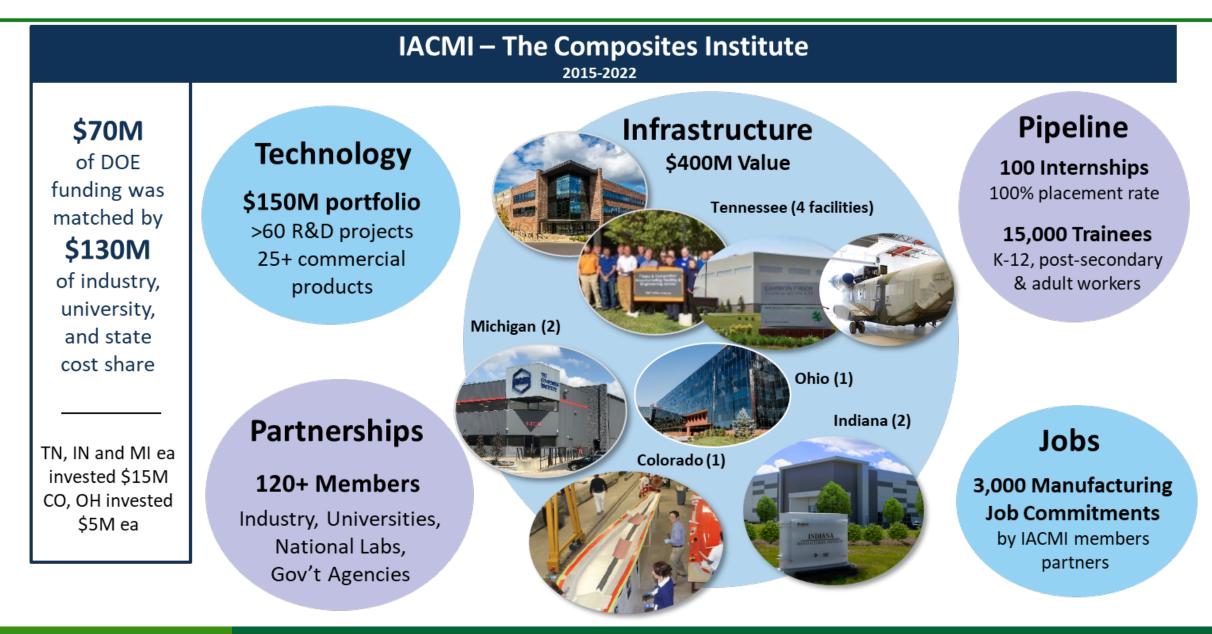




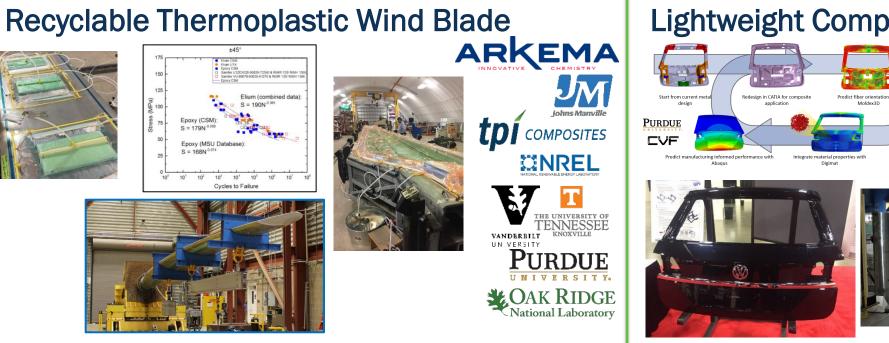
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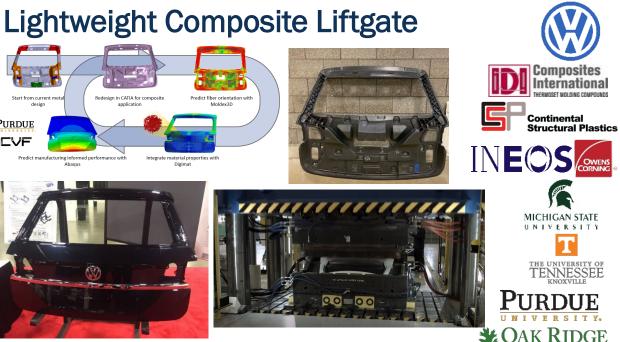
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- Novel polymerizing thermoplastic technology
- Small infusion studies, then scaling to 13m blade
- Static and fatigue testing coupon and at full scale
- Lower tooling and recurring costs demonstrated
- R&D 100 winner

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- Optimized design using fiberglass composite
- Sub 3-minute cycle time
- 36% lighter than steel, 77% reduction in investment
- Recurring costs 9% lower vs. steel, 37% lower vs. Al
- Qualified for future production on US electric platforms

National Laboratory

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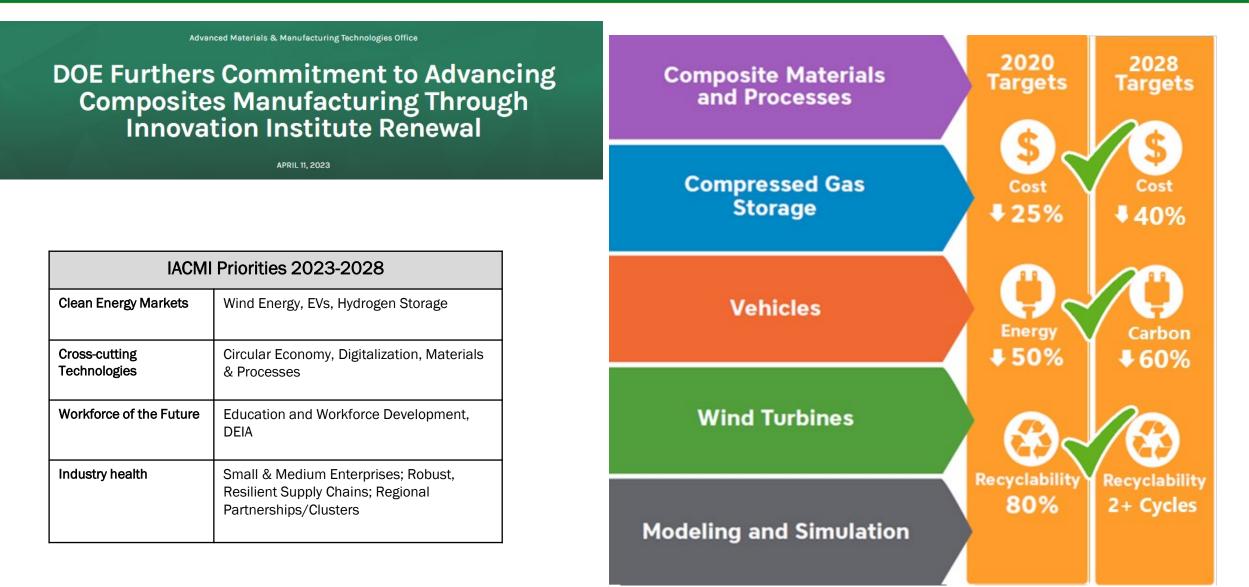




CARBON FIBER FILLED THERMOPLASTIC

	Embodied E	nergy
	Baseline	Recycled fiber
Carbon fiber @10%	115 MJ/kg	5 MJ/kg
PA 6/6 @90%	52 MJ/kg	52 MJ/kg
Compounding	8 MJ/kg	8 MJ/kg
Injection Molding	<u>11 MJ.kg</u>	<u>11 MJ/kg</u>
Total energy	186 MJ/kg	76 MJ/kg

### Future Work, Technology Transfer, & Impact



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