

Subject: NIST Study of advanced materials innovation

To: [invitee's email]

From: Troy Scott or Amanda Walsh

Cc: Amanda Walsh or Troy Scott

Dear Dr./Mr./Ms. [invitee's last name],

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is sponsoring a strategic planning study, being conducted by RTI International, of standards, measurement, and general purpose technology needs that inhibit efficient development and deployment of advanced materials by U.S. manufacturers. Amanda Walsh and I are leading up the study at RTI.

We would appreciate 35 minutes of your time to talk about your perspectives on industry needs related to advanced materials innovation. Of course, your comments and impressions will be kept confidential and will not be quoted in a final report.

Would it be possible to set up a time at which Amanda or I could call you during the upcoming week? If so, would you please suggest a few possibilities?

Once we set up a time, I will send you a short interview guide, which we can work through together over the phone.

As background on the type of study we are conducting, NIST has posted RTI's recently completed reports on advanced manufacturing here: <https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2016/11/closing-tech-gaps-can-fortify-advanced-manufacturing-and-save-100-billion>

Thank you for considering this request.

With best regards,

Troy Scott and Amanda Walsh

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