







a South Dakota Governor's Research Center











# **Advanced Manufacturing Process Technology Transition and Training Center**

#### FY' 15 Annual Report & Budget Presentation

**Research & Commercialization Council Meeting** June 11, 2015 - 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. (CST) Sioux Falls, SD

Christian Widener

Center Director













# Major Research Highlights #1

#### **Cold Spray Development**

- SDSM&T is now a Recognized Leader in Cold Spray
- Prepared II journal articles for publication this year.
- Invited to speak at both major cold spray venues: CSAT and the North American Cold Spray Conference.
- Cold spray start-up company VRC Metal Systems, LLC is growing rapidly – 2015 Black Hills Start-up of the Year
- Orders for a total of 8 cold spray units have been received.
- Established an Air Force cold spray development team with RIF funding for part qualification.

Cold Spray funds over 60% of lab activity.











# 2 un







# Major Research Highlights #2

#### Advanced Motion System for Intelligent Manufacturing

- Installed the 6-axis motion system in the AMPTECH lab that has been in development for 2 years at SDSM&T.
- Work in-progress for motion control, tuning, and integration.
- OPPORTUNITES: Large research grants (popular emerging field) & sales of similar systems. (\$900K-\$1.6M)





STATE UNIVERSITY











# Collaboration

#### SDSU

- Cold Spray Material Analysis
  - Cold Spray Impacts for Nozzle Modeling Verification Ph.D. Project
  - Titanium Cold Spray Surface Analysis for Implant Applications Ph.D. Project
  - Regular visits between institutions to carry-on collaboration

#### INDUSTRY

- HF Webster/VRC Metal Systems \$450K
- Core Member Cold Spray Action Team Army Research Lab, MOOG, United Technologies Research Center, Penn State Applied Research Lab - \$400-500K/yr.
- Nordson-Xaloy Sponsored Research Agreement \$200K/yr.
- Other Significant Developing Relationships
- American Axle, GRACO, CAT, New Tech Ceramics, Daktronics, Airbus ADVISORS
- Darren Haar, Joseph Wright, Jan Puszynski, Rob Hrabe, Craig Bailey, Ron VanHorssen, Michael West, Jamie Hale





200.0

100.0

0. 0µm 0. 0µm

# Grant Activity

- 46 proposals in 2 years, 22 of them successful.
- Over \$IM this year [\$2.3M in research awards to-date]
- There are another \$3.5M in proposals pending and another \$1.9M in planning for FY'16.

Fiscal Year Activity	Pending	Declined	Awarded
Previous Fiscal Years			
Total Number	6	1	14
Funding Amount	\$1,488,500	\$5,000,000	\$1,322,835
Fiscal Year 2015			
Total Number	15	2	8
Funding Amount	\$1,868,500	\$999,502	\$1,027,056
Comprehensive Total	\$3,357,000	\$5,999,502	\$2,349,891



# Center Funding

- The center is on track to continue this level or increase it in FY'16.
- Research projects totaling \$578K with 32 different companies were completed in FY'15.
- An additional \$2.2M has also been stimulated within the state for research partners.

00.0	Fiscal Year	State	Federal	Industry/Other	Total
100. 0 0. Ομπ <sub>Ο. Ομπ</sub>	FY14	\$419,198	\$319,971	\$158,928	\$898,097
50.4µn D.0	FY15	\$432,000	\$399,992	\$578,168	\$1,410,160
0. 0 100. 0 100. 0 200. 0	<i>FY16</i> *	\$475,000	\$425,000	\$600,000	\$1,500,000
0. 0µm 0. 0µm	<i>FY17</i> *	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$1,550,000
	FY18*	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$700,000	\$1,700,000
	FY19*	\$500,000*	\$700,000	\$750,000	\$1,950,000
	Total	\$2,626,198	\$2,944,963	\$3,437,096	\$9,008,257
	* Busingto d/Cool				

📉 \* Projected/Goa



200.0

100.0

0.0µm 0.0µm

# Job Creation



- The center supports a growing number of faculty, students, and researchers, and is adding a fully funded Research Scientist III position later this summer.
  - The center has also stimulated 15 salaried positions within SD at VRC Metal Systems.
  - The total impact is up 12.5% from last year.



FTE Supported	UG	GRAD	Researcher	Industrial	Total
State Funding	2	3	2		7
University Funding	6	3	2		11
External Funding	10	6	5	15	36
Total	18	12	9	15	54



# Sustainability

- One STTR and one SBIR proposal were won this year.
- After 1 yr. Frank Kustas will be self-funded, and the planned new hire with be fully funded to start.
- Multiple research areas in development...
- Ellsworth AFB is establishing the **Additive Manufacturing Rapid Repair Facility** which will provide long term opportunities and will bring MOOG to SD.





# IP & Commercialization Activity

- Governor's Giant Vision 2015 1st place (tie)
  - \$25,970 was received for license revenues in FY'15 for cold spray patents.
    - [Total Revenues: \$94,320]
  - Expect over \$50K for FY'16



10 0. Олт О. Олт 30. 4,m с. 0	Frequency9	Disclosure/Under Review	Provisional Patent(s) Filed	Patent(s) Issued	License Agreement
205.7	Previous Fiscal Years	8	3	0	3
Ο. Ομπ <sub>Ο. Ομ</sub> π					
	Fiscal Year 2015	2	0	0	0
	Total	10	3	0	3



# Total FY' 16 Budget Request

Budget Classification	Expenditures	
Personnel		
Existing Senior Personnel	\$100,000	
Anticipated New Senior Personnel	\$20,000	
Post Doctoral Associates		
Graduate Students	\$27,000	
Undergraduate students	\$24,000	
Technicians/Clerical	\$10,000	
Fringe Benefits	\$28,608	
Additional Expenditures		
Equipment	\$40,000	
Supplies	\$39,000	
Travel	\$19,000	
Contractual Arrangements	\$83,392	
Other (Tuition & Conference Fees)	\$9,000	
Total Direct Costs	\$400,000	

















# Ultrasonically-Agitated Air Atomized Nanospray System for Hydrophobic Coatings

- Upgrade to state-of-the-art nozzle spray system for the deposition of nanoparticles to modify surface properties:
  - Enabling technology that prevents agglomeration of nanoparticles, such as boron carbide, graphene, alumina.
- Applications that require super-hydrophobic, icephobic and abrasion-resistant surfaces that

resist water, ice-formation and abrasion.

Pump shafts and immersion-pump housings
 Unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and ship surfaces
 Turbine engine blades and aircraft leading edges















#### **Requested Budget: \$35,000**









- Sonotek, Inc. Accumist, Impact nozzle Vortex atomized spray system; ~\$25k
  - Sonic syringe and pump kit w/ Integrated ultrasonic nozzle
    Base controller package with RF generator
  - \$2K Shipping & Installation
  - > \$8K Labor for Initial Process Feasibility Demonstration

#### Milestones / Outcomes (PI – Dr. Frank Kustas)

- Demonstration of spray application of superhydrophobic coatings on engineering materials.
  - 3 months after receipt of equipment
- 2. Characterization and test of surface properties.
  - 6 months after receipt
- 3. Briefing(s) to industrial customers (3M, Graco)
  - 8 months after receipt of equipment

#### Low Risk Anticipated ROI > 10:1



# Copper Cold Spray for Electronic Applications [Industry & Investor Identified Project]

- The NEED: Low cost "imagable" conductors made of Cu
  - Automotive Glass Defoggers
  - Solar Cells on silicon wafers
- The CHALLENGE: Produce low oxidation Cu traces.
  - In auto defoggers a viable high volume process for applying copper conductors has not been developed.
  - In solar cells a viable high volume alternative to silver is needed.
  - The OPPORTUNITY: Investors to commercialize have already been identified.





















Special Project – Budget & Milestones "Conductive Copper Traces"

## **Requested Budget: \$40,000**

- ≻Labor \$24K
  - > 2 Staff & 2 Students 6 week effort
- Materials & Testing \$16K
  - Inert Gas, Powder, Substrate Material, Test & Equipment Fees

# Milestones / Outcomes (Co-PI – Mike Carter)

- I. Order & Receive Materials for feasibility study
  - 6 weeks after project award (M. Carter)
- 2. Process development and characterization and test of trace properties.
  - 4 months after project award (C.Widener & M. Carter)
- Briefing(s) to EIR board & interested industrial partners
  6 months after award (C.Widener)

#### If successful, Expected ROI > 10:1











# Conclusion/Summary

- The AMPTECH center off and running and is well positioned for expanding influence in FY'16.
  - Won competitive Air Force Rapid Innovation Fund \$2.9M over
    2 years Awarded through HF Webster/VRC Metal Systems.
  - > ARL continuing cold spray research support \$425K for FY'16.
  - Air Force is establishing an Additive Manufacturing Rapid Repair Facility at Ellsworth AFB as a result of center activities.
  - Growing industrial base of 32 companies.
  - Frank Kustas, Ph.D. [thin film coatings] After I year will achieve Self-Support Status in FY'16.
- State funding continues to provide a mechanism for strategic relationship building and technology development, as well as the ability to pursue proposals that require matching funds.

Too Many Good Things Happening to List Them All!