Manufacturing Demonstration Facility
A National Resource for Industry

Oak Ridge National Laboratory
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Materials
Developing metallic alloys and polymers designed for additive manufacturing, creating hybrid materials, and understanding the role of feedstocks.

Software
Integrating in situ monitoring, machine learning, and data analysis and deploying rapid qualification tools.

Metrology
Implementing physics-based simulations, 3D tomography, in situ nondestructive evaluation, and post-processing metrology techniques.

Systems
Developing pick-and-place hybrid systems and optimizing advanced materials.
DOE’s MDF

The Manufacturing Demonstration Facility is DOE’s only designated user facility focused on advanced manufacturing research and development.

Working with ORNL

ORNL works with numerous companies yearly for technology advancement and commercialization. More than 20 start-ups have been formed based on ORNL-developed technologies over the past 5 years. Under the MDF Technology Collaborations Program, industry can leverage world-leading capabilities and expertise in short-term collaborative projects approved by DOE. Academia, national laboratories, government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations may also access the facility through a variety of user and collaborative agreements. For more information on how to work with ORNL, visit www.ornl.gov/partnerships.
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