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DOE Announces RFP On Smart Manufacturing And Selects Projects To Increase Clean Energy In Manufacturing

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On March 31, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) announced a new request for proposals (RFP) and \$4 million in selections for projects aimed at accelerating the adoption of Smart Manufacturing practices. In support of the Biden Administration's efforts to encourage innovation and reduce the carbon footprint of the manufacturing sector, the new \$2 million RFP will expand DOE's Clean Energy Smart Manufacturing Innovation Institute's (CESMII) Smart Manufacturing Innovation Centers (SMIC). SMICs consist of a network of individuals and organizations from industry, government, and academia who allow manufacturers of all sizes to benefit from the network's assets and competencies and to create test beds. CESMII has also selected 14 new research and development (R&D) projects that will apply Smart Manufacturing solutions to real-world manufacturing process and operation challenges to improve performance, quality, and efficiency of energy productivity.

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