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CONCEPTUAL ABSTRACT



TITLE: Generate Precision Surface Finish on AM Parts

RELATED ROAD-MAPPING DESIGNATION ID#: AM50

SUPPORTIVE INDUSTRY: OSU, BOEING, CG TECH

PROJECT TYPE: General Project

PROBLEM STATEMENT (What Are We Trying to Solve?): Creating a highly precise surface finish on metallic parts built by Additive Manufacturing is an ongoing challenge in industry. Overcoming this challenge would not only yield higher quality parts, but also reduce the time lost in post-production operations.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project carries with it a very specific focus as outlined below:

- The research would involve the use of laser and electron beam strategies to generate precision surface finish.
- The research should demonstrate its capabilities by building a part that is a facsimile to a production part of the supportive industry partners or represents a reasonable subset of production part features.
- The measure of success on surface finish requirements should be arrived at by consultation with the supportive industry partners. Better than 60 Ra could be considered a reasonable starting criterion.
- The research should focus on getting a successful surface finish without any post-build machining operations.
- The research should demonstrate repeatable reliable performance by way of a reasonable part quantity builds.

Identify Related OMIC R&D Resources: Proposing researchers should use their best judgment in deciding on the optimal resources for the research. To further aid in this decision, the OMIC staff has taken the initiative to best identify on-site resources (machines, equipment, and staff) that may relate to the scope of this research. Please recognize that researchers are not limited to these resources.

- Machines and equipment at OMIC can be reviewed at:
<https://www.omic.us/explore/facility>
- OMIC Staff or SMEs

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PROJECT DELIVERABLES:

- Final report
- Final presentation
- All built parts

SPECIAL NOTE: It should be recognized that this Conceptual Abstract is written based on comments collected during OMIC R&D Road-mapping workshop and based on industries need for applied research. However, researchers as SMEs, are encouraged to lend specific technical feedback to further refine the Project Description and/or Project Outcomes. The proposing researcher may do so either directly to OMIC R&D, or in the submitting proposal.

UTILIZATION OF OMIC RESOURCES: Researchers are encouraged to utilize the capital and personnel resources available on the OMIC R&D campus in their proposals. Use of OMIC time and machines should be included in the Proposal funding request. If use of OMIC resources are not identified in a proposal and are requested during, the project sponsor will be responsible for requesting a costed project amendment from the Tech Board.

PROJECT UPDATE EXPECTATIONS: Researchers are required to have monthly update discussion with OMIC R&D to provide a summary update on project status. This is done by way of a user-friendly format known as the OMIC 6-Block update. Typically, these meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Secondly, depending on the scope of the project, OMIC R&D's industry Tech Board representatives are often interested in periodic project updates, and even in project participation. Researchers are required to communicate with supportive industry and facilitate communications as required.

ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO FACTOR: Researchers may be asked to present their final project at an OMIC R&D biennial Technology Exchange Symposium. This symposium is an in-person event, held at the OMIC R&D campus in Scappoose Oregon. The Symposium is held in April, and researchers should factor in their availability when bidding on projects.

Researchers may be invited to participate in OMIC R&D's marketing efforts that showcase the working history of the project.

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PROJECT DURATION: It is OMIC R&D's strong preference that duration of a General Project aligns with the academic calendar cycle (July 2024 to June 2025). It is preferred that the project be completed by June 2025. Researchers are encouraged to factor in variables such as contracting, student hiring (if needed), procurement, holidays, and travel. It has been OMIC R&D's experience that a project's useful working duration is typically 9 to 10 months. Researchers are also encouraged to lend feedback, and to adjust the scope of work to best fit this preferred timeframe. Additionally, it is reasonable to even recommend phasing breakdowns to the project. In some unique circumstances, if the project is to take significantly longer than the duration of the academic year, this reasoning should be explicitly explained in the proposal.

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