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To: University of Illinois Board of Trustees

RE: Update on UI LABS

#### Program Development

- Submitted proposal for the Digital Lab for Manufacturing in response to DoD request for proposals to create the “Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute” on Oct 21, 2013 – award decision expected January 2014 (see below)
- Working with Illinois DCEO to launch the Illinois Manufacturing Lab
- Developing new program platforms with potential industry partners

#### Digital Lab for Manufacturing

- UI LABS led the proposal to the DoD on behalf of a consortium of 70+ partners from industry, academia, government, and community organizations, and more than 500 additional supporting organizations
- We propose to create: A world-class, first-of-its-kind manufacturing hub with the capabilities, innovation, and collaboration to transform American manufacturing – unlocking the full potential of the digital manufacturing revolution, maximizing connections and implementing innovations
  - Transform U.S. Manufacturing: Accelerate adoption of digital manufacturing technologies across DoD OEMs, leading manufacturers, and world class technology companies
  - Create an Innovation Ecosystem: Help manufacturers of all sizes and their suppliers innovate through digital integration and strategic collaboration
  - Strengthen the U.S. Economy: Spur long-term economic growth and job creation

#### Collaboration and coordination with UI campuses and administration

- Continuing to meet 1-2x per month with campus teams appointed by Vice Chancellors for Research at UIUC and UIC
- Defining Affiliation Agreement with campuses
- Both UIUC and UIC are key partners in the Digital Lab for Manufacturing

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