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STRATEGY 2030

What We Do
and Why Membership Matters

What This Is

AMGTA is the only global, independent organization focused exclusively on the intersection of additive manufacturing and resource-efficient manufacturing systems. With members across five continents and recognition earned through sustained engagement across the additive manufacturing ecosystem, AMGTA occupies a position no other organization holds: no equipment to sell, no materials to promote, no national interest to advance, no services to sell.

That structural independence is what makes AMGTA's framing credible to technology developers, manufacturing users, and the executives and policymakers both groups are trying to reach.

This document is the strategy: what AMGTA is building through 2030, what members gain from participating, and what the ecosystem produces together that no organization could produce independently — regardless of size. It arrives alongside *Additive Manufacturing in Resource-Efficient Manufacturing Systems*, AMGTA's AM vision report, which makes the broader industry argument for why additive manufacturing's value needs a different evaluative framing. Read the AM vision report for the argument. Read this for the plan.

Six years of member engagement, industry observation, and ecosystem collaboration produced the foundation. In 2026, that foundation goes to work.

What We Are Building

Six years of observation across technology developers, manufacturing users, and the internal champions advancing additive manufacturing adoption within large organizations produced a consistent finding: whether additive manufacturing's resource and economic advantages are realized depends on decisions — about design, production configuration, supply chain, measurement, and organizational capability — that most evaluations never reach.

Part-level cost comparisons miss system-level consequences. Conventional manufacturing's embedded costs — inventory carrying, obsolescence exposure, minimum order quantity waste, capital locked in tooling months before demand is known — are invisible in standard comparisons. Not because the data is wrong, but because the boundary is too narrow.

AMGTA's role is boundary discipline: establishing where comparisons begin and end so that evaluations are complete. That work produced an evaluative approach organized across interdependent dimensions that applies equally to technology developers, manufacturing users, and internal AM champions:

- **Design and Engineering** — whether products are designed to leverage additive manufacturing's capabilities rather than replicate conventional part geometries.
- **Production Configuration** — whether production strategy captures the on-demand, small-batch, and capital efficiency advantages the technology makes possible.
- **Materials and Resource Management** — how materials are selected, sourced, reused, and managed across the production cycle.
- **Energy and Resource Intensity** — how energy is consumed at the production stage and across the product lifecycle, including efficiency gains from more capable equipment and materials that technology developers deliver.
- **Supply Chain and Lifecycle Strategy** — how additive manufacturing reshapes supply chain configuration, spare parts provisioning, and product lifecycle economics.
- **Measurement and Credibility** — whether the right measurement tools are applied with boundaries wide enough to capture the full picture. Part-level metrics applied to system-level questions produce answers — just not useful ones.
- **Organizational Capability** — whether the organization has the expertise, cross-functional integration, and decision-making structures to capture what additive manufacturing makes possible across part, system, and enterprise levels.

These dimensions are explored in full through AMGTA's assessment resources and guidance. What matters here is that they are interdependent. Design choices drive material requirements. Material choices affect energy intensity. Production configuration shapes supply chain structure. No dimension sits alone.

In 2026, that approach becomes operational through a set of interconnected initiatives:

- **The published argument** — The published argument — *Additive Manufacturing in Resource-Efficient Manufacturing Systems*, AMGTA's AM vision report, citable and versioned, for use in investor presentations, policy discussions, and customer conversations.
- **Thought leadership** — independently authored and AMGTA-developed analytical content hosted on AMGTA's platform, giving members language and frameworks for the executive conversations that are hardest to have.
- **The industry baseline** — a survey of manufacturing decision-makers measuring what they understand about additive manufacturing's value, where they see opportunity, and what obstacles stand in the way. The pull side of the equation — intelligence the industry currently lacks.
- **Complete cost evaluation** — the Total Cost Consideration work under development, revealing what conventional analysis systematically excludes.
- **The demonstration base** — member use cases curated for thorough methodology, building on AMGTA's existing library of real-world applications.

By 2030, the goal is an industry where additive manufacturing is fully understood, evaluated completely, and communicated credibly — where procurement specifications, standards, and policy frameworks reflect accurate system-level understanding of what additive manufacturing changes, and where the framing AMGTA has developed is embedded in how the industry makes decisions.

Why membership matters

Membership carries two distinct kinds of value, operating on different timelines.

The first is most urgent now — not because framing discussions end, but because additive manufacturing is at a specific inflection point. Infrastructure investments, reshoring initiatives, policy frameworks, and procurement specifications are being written right now. Organizations that engage while the framing is still being shaped by collective experience have influence over what gets embedded in those decisions. That window narrows as consensus forms.

Participants shape the framing. Those who watch will be shaped by it.

The second compounds over time. As additive manufacturing adoption scales, the questions get harder, the trade-offs get more complex, and the need for shared credible language only grows. Diagnostic resources, market intelligence, reviewed use cases, and working group access become more valuable, not less, as the industry matures.

The sections below develop each of these points in full. But if this is where you stop reading: AMGTA has built something the industry needs and that cannot be replicated by any organization whose mission is tied to a partial interest — commercial, national, or otherwise. 2026 is when that foundation becomes active across the ecosystem. That is what this strategy is for.

AMGTA's Position

AMGTA was founded with a specific mandate: examine additive manufacturing through a sustainability and resource efficiency lens, independent of any technology provider, national interest, or commercial agenda. Other organizations exist in the additive manufacturing ecosystem — national associations bounded by geography, organizations led by or affiliated with commercial technology providers, most focused on market development and promotion. None occupies the intersection AMGTA was built for: global, independent, and exclusively focused on the sustainability and resource efficiency dimensions of additive manufacturing.

AMGTA's independence is not a stance. It is a consequence of what AMGTA is: an organization with no equipment to sell, no materials to promote, no national interest to advance, no services to sell.

In member interviews conducted ahead of the 2026 strategy process, independence was the most consistently named asset — more than any specific program or resource:

“AMGTA is not trying to sell anything.”

“Unbiased and independent source of truth.”

“I trust AMGTA with information I would not share with many other people outside our company.”

That trust is not incidental — it is structural. Technology providers, national associations, and advisory organizations all serve real and important roles in the additive manufacturing ecosystem. But each of them has a position: equipment to sell, a domestic industry to promote, services to offer. A technology provider explaining additive manufacturing's value is also, necessarily, making a case for their own products. That is not a flaw; it is simply what their role requires. AMGTA's position requires none of that. No equipment, no materials, no national interest, no services. That structural difference is what makes AMGTA's framing usable by all sides simultaneously, and it cannot be replicated by any organization whose mission is tied to a partial interest — commercial, national, or otherwise.

The additive manufacturing sector has largely been talking to itself. As one member put it: “AM people talking to AM people about AM.” The industry knows it needs to reach decision-makers who are making consequential decisions about additive manufacturing without a complete picture — procurement leaders, finance executives, policymakers, investors. By empowering AMGTA as the non-competitive ambassador in those rooms, members gain a voice that can carry the argument without the argument being discounted. That reach is only possible because of the structural independence membership collectively sustains.

The evaluation problem

The additive manufacturing industry's evaluation problem is not that the numbers are wrong. It is that standard evaluations answer the wrong question. Part-level cost comparisons produce a result — but it is a result for a question nobody making a real manufacturing decision actually needs answered. System and enterprise-level consequences are absent. Conventional manufacturing's embedded costs — inventory carrying, obsolescence exposure, minimum order

quantity waste, capital locked in tooling months before demand is known — are outside the boundary of the comparison entirely.

The evaluation concluded; it just didn't conclude on anything decision-makers can or should act on — and acting on an incomplete evaluation often drives the wrong decision.

The same gap affects investors and financial markets, who lack consistent framing to assess additive manufacturing companies and applications. And it affects policymakers and standards bodies, whose frameworks — being written right now — tend to reflect generic manufacturing assumptions that don't account for additive manufacturing's actual capabilities or trade-offs. The decisions being made now will shape additive manufacturing's role in manufacturing for the next decade. AMGTA's role is to ensure those decisions are made with a complete picture.

A framing that works across all motivational contexts

Most communication about additive manufacturing starts from the technology and works outward — here is what it can do, here is an impressive example, here is why you should consider it. That is a push. AMGTA's framing works differently: it starts from the strategic and operational pressures organizations are already navigating — capital exposure, supply chain resilience, resource efficiency, lifecycle costs — and asks where additive manufacturing creates genuine leverage. That is a pull. The difference matters because a push requires someone to already be looking for a reason to adopt additive manufacturing. A pull works for any organization trying to solve a real problem, whether or not they've thought about additive manufacturing as part of the answer.

<p>Regulatory pressure <i>e.g. Europe</i></p> <p>Frameworks tightening. Organizations required to act. The motivation is compliance.</p> <p>The evaluation needs to be complete.</p>	<p>Operational performance <i>e.g. Defense</i></p> <p>Sustainability language doesn't land. Logistics exposure and supply chain resilience do.</p> <p>The evaluation needs to be complete.</p>	<p>Economic logic <i>e.g. Industrial manufacturers</i></p> <p>Finance drives decisions. Reduced cost, less capital tied up, lower inventory risk gets a meeting.</p> <p>The evaluation needs to be complete.</p>
<p><i>There is no purity test for motivation. Our job is to make sure the evaluation is complete and the framing reaches the people making the decisions.</i></p>		

AMGTA serves organizations across all motivational contexts without hierarchy. The framing does not treat sustainability motivation as the primary or preferred reason for engagement. What each context shares is the need for a complete evaluation — one that accounts for the full picture across part, system, and enterprise levels.

This framing holds across geographies. In some markets, regulatory pressure drives engagement — evolving EU frameworks, Scope 3 emissions requirements, and supply chain

due diligence obligations are creating real compliance imperatives that make a complete evaluation urgent.

In others, the institutional climate is different. Commercial skepticism about ESG language, reduced premium for sustainability claims, or political pressure to deprioritize environmental commitments means that operational and economic framing is the only language that opens doors.

AMGTA's resource-efficiency framing works across all of these contexts because it locates environmental performance in manufacturing system economics that hold regardless of regulatory environment. Reducing material waste, eliminating inventory exposure, shortening supply chains, and extending product lifecycles are compelling on operational and financial grounds in any jurisdiction. The argument does not depend on a particular policy context being favorable. That is precisely its value as a global framing.

This is not a dilution of AMGTA's founding sustainability focus — it is what sustained observation revealed.

The benefits of additive manufacturing — material efficiency, supply chain resilience, capital efficiency, emissions reduction, lifecycle extension — are not separate claims to be weighed against one another. They overlap so completely that the area of intersection is essentially the whole — a Venn diagram that appears as a circle.

An organization that reduces material waste is simultaneously reducing cost, simplifying compliance, and lowering emissions. These are not parallel benefits that happen to point in the same direction. They are the same outcome, described through different frames.

Resource efficiency is how sustainability works in manufacturing.

Who AMGTA serves

Three groups. One conversation that none of them can have alone.

Technology developers

Equipment manufacturers, materials producers, and software providers. Their challenge: explaining additive manufacturing's bigger picture to buyers evaluating on part cost — without it reading as a sales pitch. AMGTA's framing gives them language that resonates with procurement leaders, finance, and investors — people who don't currently speak additive manufacturing's language and don't need to. The argument reaches them in the terms they already use.

Manufacturing users

Manufacturers, OEMs, and supply chain operators evaluating or adopting additive manufacturing. Their challenge: business cases that show the full picture — not just part cost — in language finance and procurement will accept. AMGTA's framing addresses this directly: complete evaluation that accounts for conventional manufacturing's invisible embedded costs, structured comparison guidance, and reviewed use cases that show what disciplined application looks like.

Internal AM champions

People inside manufacturing organizations advancing additive manufacturing adoption internally — making the case to finance, procurement, other business units, and the C-suite — without a product to sell and without the resources that come with it. Finance and senior executives speak a different language from technical staff. The case for additive manufacturing needs to survive that translation, and most business cases as currently constructed don't make it. AMGTA's resources — particularly the Total Cost Consideration work being developed with member input and the communication guidance — are being built directly for that challenge.

What additive manufacturing makes possible — and why it requires a complete evaluation

Part level — material efficiency, geometric freedom, near-net-shape production, part consolidation, and rapid design iteration without retooling.

System level — production configuration, supply chain structure, inventory strategy, and logistics.

Enterprise level — capital allocation, strategic flexibility, and total cost of manufacturing decisions.

The system and enterprise-level effects are where value multiplies — and where standard evaluations fall short. On-demand production reduces the capital committed to tooling before demand is known, the quantities ordered to satisfy supplier minimums rather than actual need, and the inventory carried against uncertain requirements. Distributed production reduces transportation distances, logistics complexity, and supply chain exposure. Lifecycle extension through on-demand spare parts can significantly reduce warehousing costs and obsolescence risk.

Deploying additive manufacturing to make the same part, in the same design, in the same quantity, at the same location as before — and expecting a step-change in outcomes — misses the point entirely.

None of these advantages are automatic. Additive manufacturing can be energy-intensive when utilization is low. Post-processing carries its own resource burden. Design-for-additive-manufacturing requires expertise many organizations are still developing. The capability exists. Realizing it requires a complete evaluation — one that accounts for all three levels and establishes accurate boundaries for comparison.

Technology-level improvements — more energy-efficient equipment, more sustainable materials, improved material refresh and recyclability, reduced process waste — are not separate from this story. They expand the range of applications where part, system, and enterprise-level benefits become achievable.

Why Membership Specifically Matters

AMGTA's mission depends on members in ways that go beyond financial support. It depends on members as contributors of real experience that grounds the framing in practice. It depends on members as participants in working groups and initiative committees — the organizations closest to real decisions are best positioned to ensure AMGTA's initiatives address the right questions. And it depends on members as messengers — carrying AMGTA's framing into boardrooms, procurement discussions, investor conversations, and standards committees that AMGTA cannot reach directly.

Membership carries two distinct kinds of value, operating on different timelines.

Shaping value — most urgent now

Additive manufacturing is at a specific inflection point. Infrastructure investments, reshoring initiatives, policy frameworks, and procurement specifications are being written now. Organizations that engage while the framing is still being shaped by collective experience have influence over what gets embedded in those decisions. The opportunity to shape the foundational standards and frameworks is real, and it narrows as consensus forms.

Scaling value — compounds over time

Diagnostic resources, market intelligence, reviewed use cases, and working group access become more valuable as additive manufacturing adoption scales — because the questions get harder, the trade-offs get more complex, and the need for shared credible language only grows.

Membership is not a subscription. It is participation in building something the industry needs and cannot produce any other way.

Membership matters because of three things that only participation produces.

You shape what gets built

The evaluative approach AMGTA brings to 2026 emerged from six years of observing patterns in how members navigate real decisions — not from research conducted in isolation. The cost comparison work under development traces directly to a manufacturing member identifying systematic gaps in their own business case process — a pattern AMGTA recognized across multiple members independently. Members who join initiative committees and working groups shape the questions a survey asks, the scope of a guidance document, the boundaries a use case library sets. That input is what keeps the work grounded in the decisions organizations actually face rather than the decisions that are easiest to address.

Participation looks different for every member. Some engage through working groups and initiative committees. Some contribute use cases. Some participate primarily through the survey, the Annual Summit, or peer access. For some, the primary contribution is funding — sustaining the independent, non-competitive capacity that does the work no individual

organization can do on its own. All of it matters. Every member benefits from what the ecosystem generates together, regardless of how they contribute.

Engagement in any form is an opportunity, not an obligation.

You see it first and apply it directly

Members have access to AMGTA's existing body of work — prior research, use case studies, life cycle assessment work, and published findings — alongside new resources as they launch. The AM vision report, thought leadership content, sector briefs, the Interview Series, and claim guidance are available to members as they publish, before or alongside public release. The industry survey findings report goes to members. Use cases submitted through the review process build a library available across the membership. Facilitated conversations translate the evaluative framing into sector-specific and organization-specific context.

AMGTA goes where members cannot go alone

The structural independence established in “AMGTA's Position” translates directly into reach. AMGTA can bring the case for additive manufacturing into sector conferences, procurement forums, and standards committees — in rooms where the audience hasn't yet engaged with it at the part, system, or enterprise level.

A vendor in the same room would be understood to be speaking for their own products. That is not a criticism; it is simply what their role requires. AMGTA's role is different: explaining what the technology category changes for manufacturing decisions across all three levels, without a stake in which specific product or provider gets adopted.

That reach extends members' own conversations. When AMGTA creates comprehension in a procurement forum or a sector event, the members who follow up find a room that has already been prepared. The neutrality membership collectively sustains is what makes that preparation possible.

Your participation generates collective credibility

The patterns, benchmarks, and validation that give the framing credibility only emerge from ecosystem participation. A survey with thin response is not an industry baseline. A use case library with a handful of entries is not a demonstration base. An evaluative approach applied by few organizations carries less weight than one applied by many. AMGTA's credibility is collective — and it compounds with participation.

This is pre-competitive: members do not share proprietary performance data. They share the framing and methodology that makes all claims more credible — and in doing so, strengthen the ecosystem-level narrative coherence that benefits every organization navigating these conversations.

Engaging Three Member Audiences

Membership outreach distinguishes among three engagement contexts, because the value of membership and the entry point for conversation are different for each.

Current members

The foundation you helped build is mature enough to apply at scale. Working groups and initiative committees are where the next chapter is built — developing sector-specific guidance, building the market intelligence base, establishing reviewed use cases. Member experience is not just welcome but essential. The influence available now — shaping what the framing means in practice across your industry and applications — is different from what was available when the foundation was still being laid. Engage through your member contact or directly at info@AMGTA.org.

Lapsed members

You were part of building the foundation this document describes. What is different now is not the organization's direction but its stage. The foundation is built. The next chapter is applying it at scale. That work is where membership creates the most direct value, and where your organization's experience and perspective would have the most impact. We would welcome you back to that conversation. info@AMGTA.org

Prospective members

If your organization is evaluating additive manufacturing, developing additive manufacturing technology, or advancing adoption internally — and this framing is relevant to the decisions you are making — membership is the entry point. Learn more at www.AMGTA.org or contact us at info@AMGTA.org.

What 2026 Delivers

These are the initiatives AMGTA is developing and bringing to members. Some are already underway. Others will build value progressively as the ecosystem engages with them.

Resources available to all members

Initiative	What it delivers for members
AMGTA Vision Paper <i>The published argument</i>	The case for evaluating additive manufacturing’s resource performance across part, system, and enterprise levels — citable, versioned, and designed for use in investor presentations, policy discussions, and customer conversations. Not a promotional piece. A rigorous argument for how additive manufacturing should be evaluated, communicated, and deployed. Public release mid-year. Members receive it in advance.
Thought Leadership — hosted on AMGTA <i>Produced and curated</i>	Two types: content AMGTA develops and publishes — strategic orientation articles translating system-level understanding of additive manufacturing into the questions that belong on manufacturing executives’ agendas — and independently authored analytical work hosted on AMGTA’s platform, clearly attributed to its authors. Both give members language and frameworks for executive conversations that are hardest to have.
Manufacturing Leadership Interview Series	Featured conversations with manufacturing executives — COOs, procurement leaders, operations directors — on how they evaluate additive manufacturing within enterprise priorities. Gives technology developers insight into how buyers actually think. Gives manufacturing users peer context for decisions they are navigating.
Sector Briefs	Focused briefs translating AMGTA’s evaluative framing into sector-specific context: the pressures, regulatory environments, and decision criteria relevant to each sector. Gives members language that resonates with sector decision-makers. Two briefs publish in 2026.
Claim Discipline and Communication Guidance	Structured guidance for making credible resource efficiency claims — boundary definitions, data quality requirements, trade-off acknowledgment, comparison fairness. Positive and negative examples from industry practice. Helps members make claims that are accurate, bounded, and defensible.

Resources that generate distinctive value through member participation

Initiative	What it delivers for members
Industry Survey <i>The industry baseline</i>	A survey of manufacturing decision-makers — not the AM industry’s own growth metrics, but the organizations evaluating, adopting, or not yet considering additive manufacturing. What do procurement leaders,

Initiative	What it delivers for members
	<p>operations directors, and finance executives actually understand about additive manufacturing’s value at the system and enterprise level? Where do they see opportunity and what are the internal obstacles? What strategic objectives could additive manufacturing help address that they haven’t yet connected to the technology? This is the pull side of the equation — the intelligence the industry needs to move from pushing technology toward building genuine demand. Members help shape what it asks and carry it to their own constituencies.</p>
<p>Total Cost Consideration Guide <i>Complete cost evaluation</i></p>	<p>Cost framing that reveals what conventional analysis systematically excludes — inventory carrying costs, minimum order quantity overproduction, tooling capital committed before demand is known. When those costs are visible, the picture of total system economics often changes. The foundation is in place; member engagement through 2026 will fully develop its scope and application. Directly applicable to the internal business case challenge that internal AM champions face.</p>
<p>Use Case Submission and Review <i>The demonstration base</i></p>	<p>Member use cases curated for thorough methodology — demonstrating part, system, or enterprise-level resource performance with clearly documented boundaries, trade-offs, and approach. Builds on AMGTA’s existing library of life cycle assessment work and prior use case studies. Cases are not endorsed; they are made available as transparent examples that others can learn from and reference.</p>

What to expect

The AM vision report and this document are intended as conversation starters, not announcements. As 2026 progresses, thought leadership content begins publishing, the Interview Series launches, and the industry survey scope is defined with member input before it opens. Sector briefs, the claim discipline guidance, and the first use cases will follow. The Total Cost Consideration work has a foundation in place; member engagement through 2026 will fully develop its scope and application. The AM vision report releases publicly mid-year.

The best way to be involved is to say so. Members who want to contribute a use case, participate in shaping the survey, or join a working group on any of these initiatives should let AMGTA know. Demand shapes the sequence.

What to watch for: the evaluative framing moving from documents into active use — in member conversations, in sector events, in the benchmarks the survey begins to generate. That is the signal that 2026 is working.

2027 and Beyond

As the initiatives above take hold, AMGTA's work deepens in three directions.

Initiative	What it delivers for members
Annual industry report	An annual synthesis of ecosystem observation — member conversations, survey findings, use case patterns — tracking how additive manufacturing understanding and adoption evolve over time. The foundation for this report is being built now through the survey and use case work. Publication timing will follow the data. No rankings, no comparisons between organizations. An accurate reading of where the ecosystem stands.
Sustainability in Application Recognition	Annual recognition for applications demonstrating part, system, and enterprise-level resource efficiency improvements with transparent methodology. Educational, not competitive: showing what disciplined, credible additive manufacturing application looks like across sectors. Recognized applications published and promoted through AMGTA channels.
Sector briefs — Industrial Tooling, Automotive, Energy Transition	Coverage extending beyond the initial 2026 sector briefs — translating the evaluative framing into sector-specific decision context, addressing the pressures, regulatory environments, and application priorities relevant to organizations in each sector.

By 2030, the goal is an industry where additive manufacturing is fully understood, evaluated completely, and communicated credibly — where procurement specifications, standards, and policy frameworks reflect accurate system-level understanding of what additive manufacturing changes, and where the framing AMGTA has developed is embedded in how the industry makes decisions.

What We Ask of Members

Everything AMGTA delivers is available to members as it publishes — the AM vision report, thought leadership content, the Interview Series, sector briefs, and claim guidance. Engaging with them, applying them, and sharing them where they're relevant is where membership becomes active.

The initiatives that generate the most distinctive member value — the survey, the cost comparison work, the use case library — depend on participation. The asks are specific and staged through the year.

- Read the AM vision report and Strategy 2030. Both are intended as conversation starters. Members who arrive at any conversation having read both documents are better positioned to shape where it goes.
- Participate in shaping the Industry Survey. Member input determines what it measures and how it reaches beyond the existing AMGTA community — the scope conversation is ongoing and open.
- Complete the Industry Survey when it launches. 15–20 minutes. The quality of the benchmarks depends on participation.
- Consider submitting a use case. Voluntary. Produces validated methodology documentation useful in your own customer and investor conversations.
- Share *Additive Manufacturing in Resource-Efficient Manufacturing Systems* internally and across your value chain — with customers, suppliers, investors, or procurement teams for whom the argument about complete evaluation across part, system, and enterprise levels is relevant.
- Be a messenger. When the framing is useful in a customer conversation, a procurement discussion, an investor presentation, or a policy engagement — use it, attribute it, and point people to AMGTA. The ecosystem-level reach that advances AMGTA's mission comes from members carrying the framing into conversations AMGTA cannot attend.

None of these asks are demanding, and all of them produce something back. AMGTA will not ask members for more than can be meaningfully returned.

Membership

AMGTA membership is open globally to organizations with transparent governance structures, independently auditable operations, alignment with international trade and intellectual property standards, commitment to resource efficiency and environmental responsibility, and willingness to participate in pre-competitive, collaborative activities.

Principal members hold board seats and, through that commitment, help shape AMGTA's strategic direction and evaluative approach. All members — Principal and Participating — have full access to AMGTA's publications, survey findings, use case library, claim guidance, and the Annual Summit. The distinction is not in what members receive; it is in the governance role Principal members play in building what the association becomes.

The full program — the AM vision report and Strategy 2030, sector briefs, thought leadership, the Interview Series, the Total Cost Consideration work under development, the industry survey and findings report, use case submission and review, claim discipline and communication guidance, member directory, and peer community — is available to all members as it publishes.

Closing

Additive manufacturing gives organizations genuine advantages at the part, system, and enterprise levels in a manufacturing environment under sustained pressure. Realizing those advantages consistently — and communicating them credibly — requires a structured evaluative approach that neither technology developers, manufacturing users, nor internal AM champions can build alone.

That is what AMGTA has been building, and what AMGTA is putting into practice. The evaluative framing is formalized. The ecosystem-level evidence begins accumulating from the first survey, the first use cases, the first conversations the framing makes possible.

Members are the first to apply it, the first to see their results, and the first to shape what the next iteration looks like. That is the shift 2026 represents — from foundation built to foundation active — and what compounds through 2030.

AMGTA is the only global, independent organization focused exclusively on the intersection of additive manufacturing and resource-efficient manufacturing systems. No other organization combines global reach, independence from commercial and national interests, and an exclusive focus on additive manufacturing — regardless of size. That is not a positioning claim — it is the structural reality of how this space has developed.

And it is the reason the work AMGTA does here cannot be replicated by a national association, a commercially led network, or a general sustainability organization.

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This document is updated as initiatives evolve and the industry matures. For execution plans, timelines, budget allocations, and resource requirements, see the Board Strategy Execution document.