

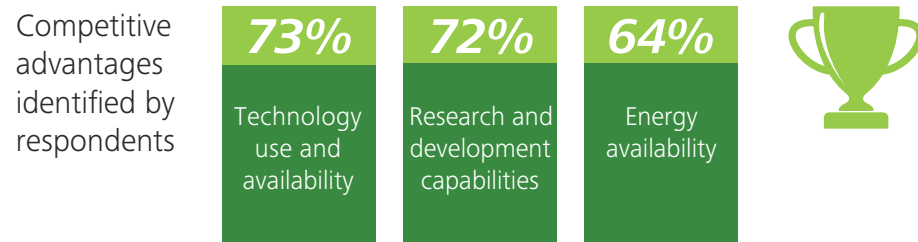
# Overwhelming Support: The public's view of U.S. Manufacturing

Manufacturing is consistently recognized worldwide as one of the industries that contributes most to the economic prosperity of a nation and its citizens. Why then are U.S. manufacturers facing a gap — not only in finding the skills the needed, but also in Americans' interest in pursuing long-term careers in manufacturing? To explore this dilemma, the Manufacturing Institute and Deloitte have teamed up to conduct the 5th US Public Opinion of Manufacturing study. The study reveals Americans remain steadfast in their support of manufacturing and also uncovers opportunities to strengthen interest, support and engagement in the U.S. manufacturing industry.

## Americans value a strong manufacturing sector...



## Americans believe the industry can compete globally



## Americans support manufacturing job creation



If given an opportunity to create **1,000 new jobs** in their community, manufacturing tops the list

Americans believe **manufacturing is a vitally important industry**

Manufacturing is ranked **among the most important domestic industries** for helping maintain a strong national economy

## ...yet Americans are reluctant to choose careers in manufacturing

Americans' confidence in schools systems to provide necessary skills is declining



Only **1 out of 3** Parents would encourage their children to pursue a career in manufacturing

Only... **1/2** Believe manufacturing jobs to be **interesting and rewarding**

Reasons for not encouraging child or younger generation

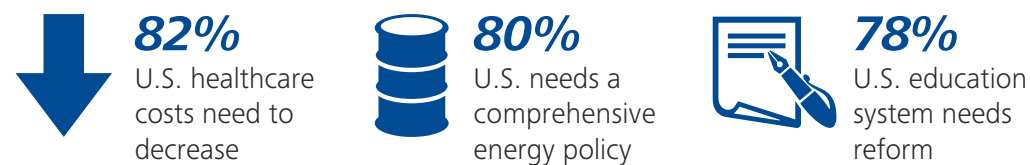


Only... **1/3** Agree that manufacturing jobs are increasingly **available and accessible**

**THREE out of FOUR** Believe manufacturing jobs are the first to be moved to other countries

## Americans have strong views on what needs to change and when the industry engages, perceptions change

Americans agree action is necessary to **bolster competitiveness and increase jobs**



Americans indicate **targeted programs would increase interest** in manufacturing careers



Industry familiarity **increases positive perception**

Those familiar with manufacturing are **2X as likely** to **encourage a child to pursue manufacturing**

**3rd** Ranked career choice out of 7 key industries up from 5<sup>th</sup> overall

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