

## **Manufacturing Focus?**

This ASTM standards effort cuts across all applications of additive fabrication technology, not only direct digital manufacturing.

The transition from prototyping to manufacturing in AF has led to recent efforts to initiate standards, but this effort is not limited to manufacturing-related applications. Other areas of activities that fall within the scope of this work include:

- Finishing of parts for prototyping, patterns for molds and casting, and quantities for custom, limited edition and short-run production
- Guidelines and standards for terminology
- Software and file format standards, including methods of producing parts in multiple materials and colors

The scope of the work is really only limited by two factors: 1) it must be related to additive fabrication technologies and, 2) a critical mass of people must be involved for each standards-development activity or focus area. It is important that we are not spread too thin and thus diluting the effectiveness of our efforts.

If your interests are related to additive fabrication, whether it is modeling, prototyping, a secondary application such as casting, or manufacturing, you are encouraged to get involved.