

Three Decades Strong: Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future



At our **Three Decades Strong Anniversary Celebration**, one theme stood out throughout the evening: our impact has always been driven by people and partnerships. For more than 30 years, CIMS has helped organizations navigate change through collaboration, applied research, and practical solutions. As we enter our next chapter, our commitment remains the same. Working alongside industry, government, and community partners, we will continue addressing emerging challenges, advancing manufacturing and sustainability, and creating opportunities that strengthen resilience and competitiveness.

Spotlight

how it started



how it's going



Center for Innovation in Manufacturing and Sustainability

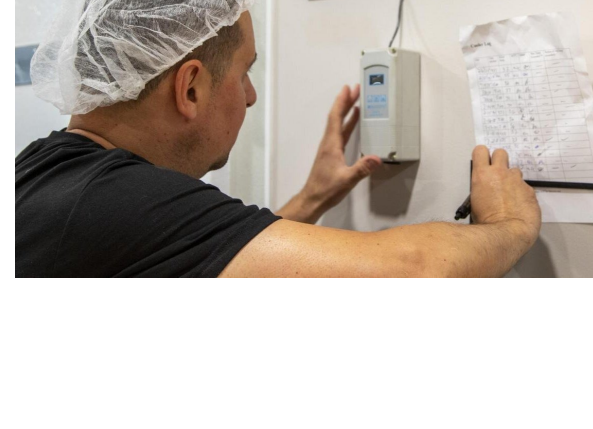
CIMS Rebrand

As our work has evolved, so has our identity. To better reflect what we do today, the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies (CIMS) is now the **Center for Innovation in Manufacturing and Sustainability (CIMS)**.

While our name has changed, our mission remains rooted in applied research and partnership. This update also aligns with the growth of our organization. The applied research enterprise moves forward as CIMS while the degree programs within the Golisano Institute for Sustainability operate as independent academic units.

As CIMS continues moving forward, our new name recognizes how manufacturing, sustainability, innovation, and technology increasingly work together to solve complex challenges and create lasting impact.

News



From Craft to Connected: A Specialty Food Packager Expands with Smart Sensors

A fast-growing food manufacturer partnered with RIT's COE-ASM to turn manual temperature checks into a smart, reliable, Industry 4.0-based monitoring system.

[Learn more](#)



NYSP2I Selects 10 Awardees for 2026-27 Community Grants Program

The NYSP2I Community Grants Program has supported 193 projects throughout New York State with grants totaling \$3.1 million to date. [Learn more](#)



RIT Initiative Helps Golf Courses Cut Pollution and Protect Waterways

Golf courses across Central and Western New York have adopted new sustainability practices through an Environmental Results Program. [Learn more](#)

Global Impact



[Nabil Nasr](#), associate provost and director of the Center for Innovation in Manufacturing and Sustainability (CIMS), presented a report to the **United Nations Environment Programme's International Resource Panel in Berlin during the week of June 8**.

Developed in collaboration with CIMS researchers, "Accelerating the Transition to a Circular Economy in Consumer Electronics Markets" offers recommendations for policymakers and business leaders to expand circular economy practices across the consumer electronics sector.

Upcoming Events



RIC-RIT World Remanufacturing Conference

September 29-October 1, 2026

The World Remanufacturing Conference, held in Charlotte, NC, this year, is the only event that brings remanufacturers together to build knowledge, increase connections, and create opportunity for the sector.

[Learn more and register](#)



World Remanufacturing Summit

November 4-6, 2026

The World Remanufacturing Summit, hosted by the Remanufacturing Promotion Consortium (RECO) in Tokyo, Japan, this year, is an international event to strengthen connections between research institutions and industry while advancing remanufacturing best practices.

[Learn more and register](#)



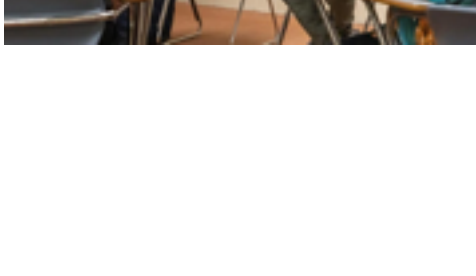
Creating Competitive Advantage: Foundational Green Chemistry Training for Industry

Multiple dates and locations

The workshop series, led by Dr. John Warner, co-founder of green chemistry, will provide New York manufacturers with practical strategies to reduce pollution, improve efficiency, and strengthen competitiveness. Hosted by NYSP2I and NYS DEC, these free one-day workshops are tailored to priority chemical subsectors. Participants will gain direct access to national experts, technical resources, and industry-specific solutions.

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Recent Events



Bridging the Gap: Green Chemistry Innovation and Education Workshop

July 15, 2026

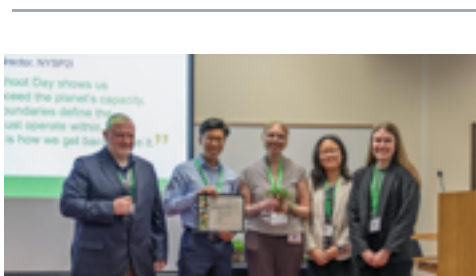
This 2nd annual, free green chemistry workshop, held in Troy, NY, brought together industry professionals and educators for a full day of keynote speakers, panel discussions, and hands-on learning focused on safer labs, sustainable innovation, and workforce development across New York State. [View workshop recording](#)



NY I-Corridor Semiconductor Summit

June 1-2, 2026

This event convened industry leaders, researchers, manufacturers, and partners from across Upstate New York's semiconductor ecosystem to foster stronger connections and advance collaboration across the supply chain, workforce, and research and development landscape.



NYSP2I Sustainable Innovation Student Competition Exhibition & Research Poster Showcase

April 20, 2026

NYSP2I's Sustainable Innovation Student Competition supports full-time undergraduate and graduate students from NYSP2I's five partner universities in proposing, developing, and designing solutions to defined environmental challenges.

[Learn about the winners](#)

Tools and Resources



Fire Training Center Guidance for Water Resource Protection in New York State

Newly published best management practices for fire training centers and fire departments that offer a clear framework for protecting surface waters while supporting effective training. The resource also provides guidance on transitioning to PFAS-free Class B foams and managing stocks of legacy foams.

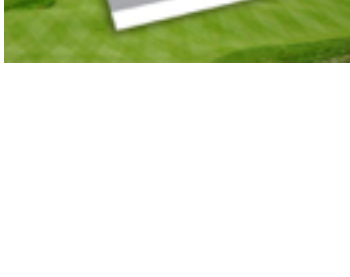
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Quantifying the Environmental Benefits of Davies Office's Remanufactured SC Answer Workstation

NYSP2I worked with Davies Office to quantify the environmental impacts of its Remanufactured SC Answer Workstation and develop a third-party verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD).

[Learn more](#)



Golf Course Sustainability Resources

With help from Cornell, NYSP2I developed best management practices (BMPs) designed to protect water quality, and help courses incorporate sustainable practices while still providing high-quality playing conditions.

[View resources](#)

Recent Publications

Mechanistic Insights into Fatigue Life Enhancement of High-Strength Steel via Ultrasonic Impact Treatment

Shirley Garcia Ruano (CIMS staff), Mike Thurston (GIS research faculty), Morteza Ghasri-Khouzani (University of Pittsburgh), Ravi Shankar (University of Pittsburgh), Joha Shamsujjoha (GIS research faculty)

Image-Based Machine Learning for Component Identification for Remanufacturing

Sri Priya Das (CIMS staff), Abu Islam (GIS research faculty), Nenad Nenadic (GIS research faculty), Audra Stapella (CoreCentric Solutions), Sebastian Przybylski (CoreCentric Solutions)

Reducing Landfill Flows Through Remanufacturing: An LCA of Davies Office Furniture Workspaces

Allen Luccitti (CIMS staff), Miko Buenk (CIMS staff), Ava Labuzetta (CIMS staff), Kimberly Bawden (CIMS staff)



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