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Michigan’s Manufacturers”**

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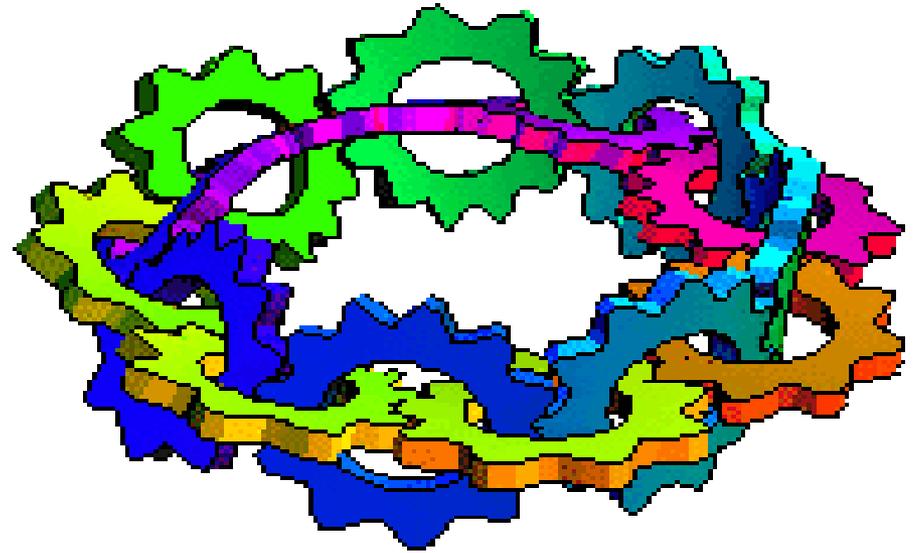
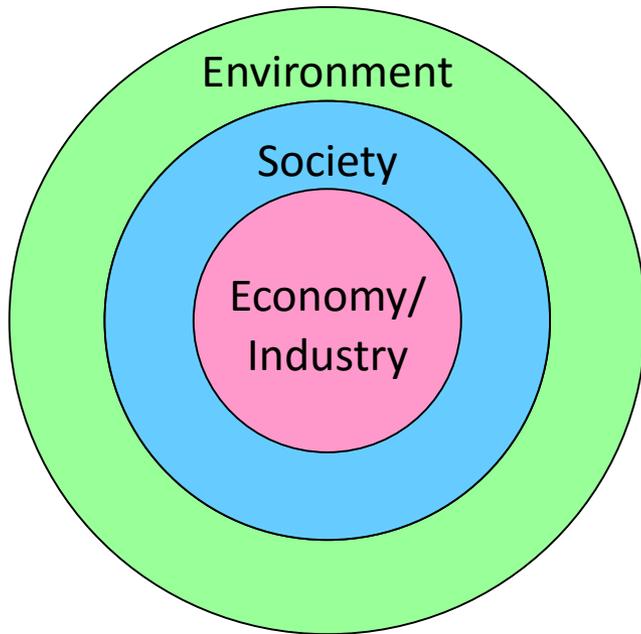
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# Interdependent, Interacting Eco-Systems



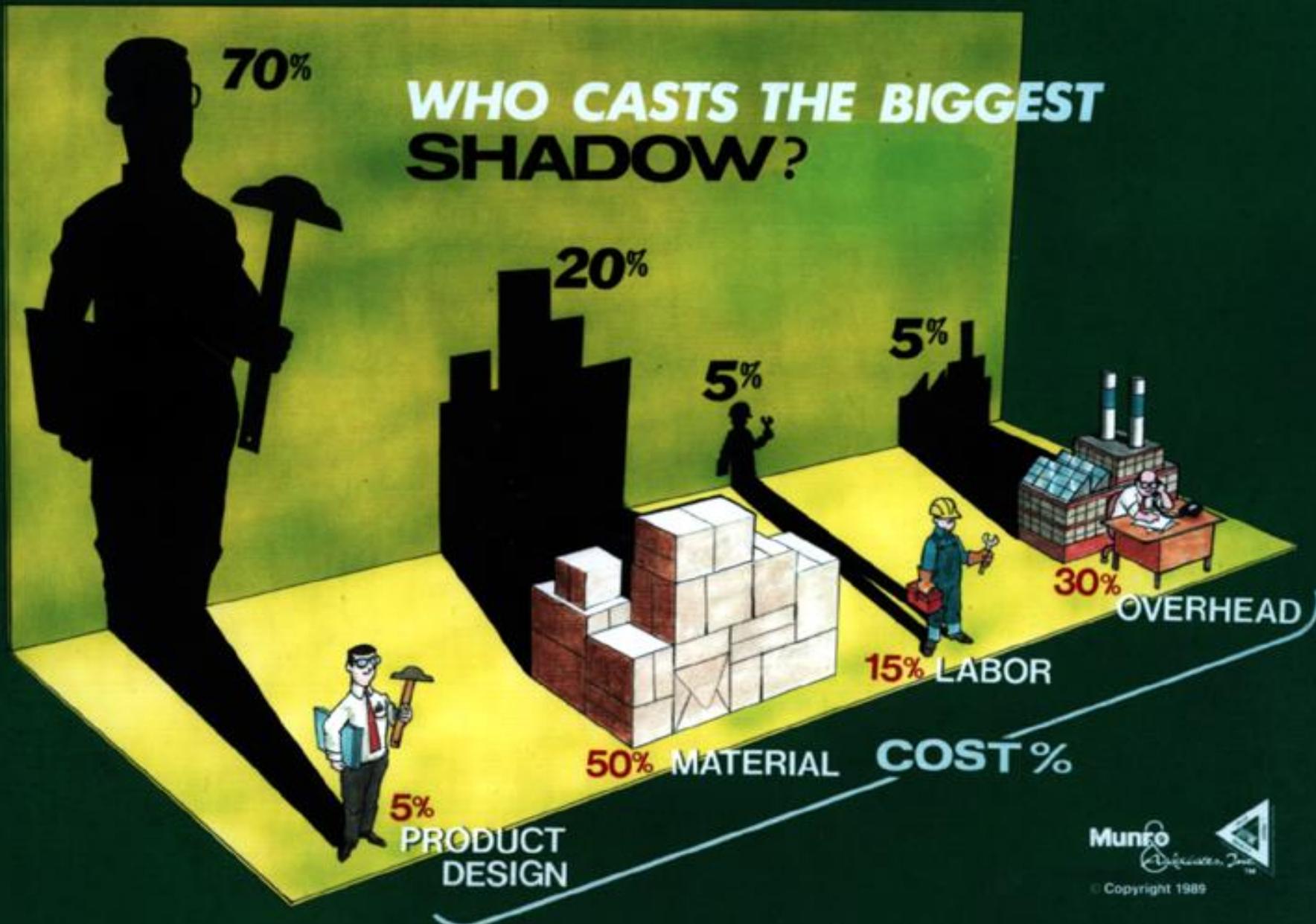
Source: HereNow4U.de, Eric Weisstein "Mobius Strip"

**Need to simultaneously consider all three systems**

The interaction between the economy and the environment, and complexity of socio-business problems connected with sustainability warrants collective action.

INFLUENCE %

# WHO CASTS THE BIGGEST SHADOW?



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# The Graveyards of the World...

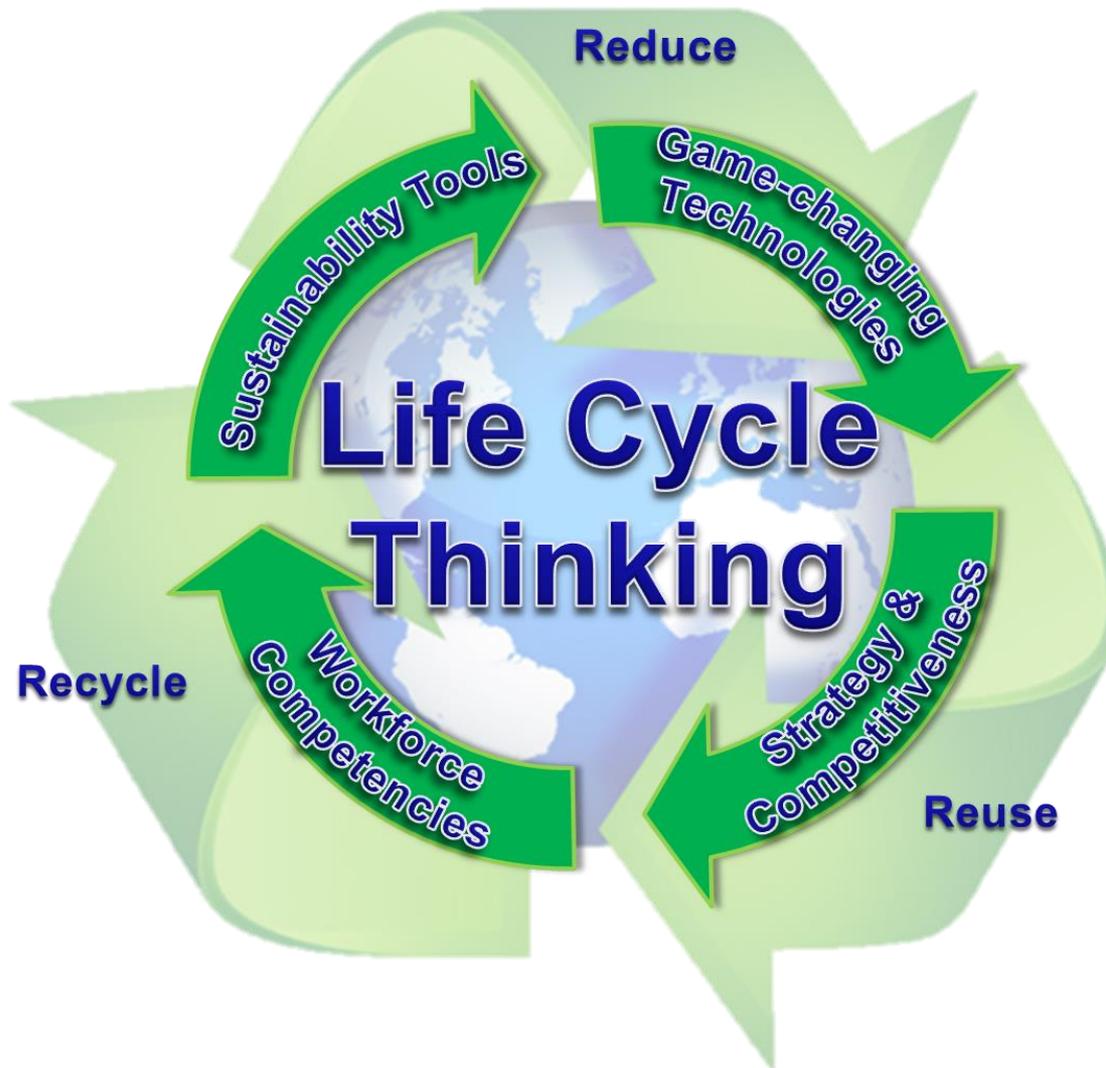




*What* does **green** mean?

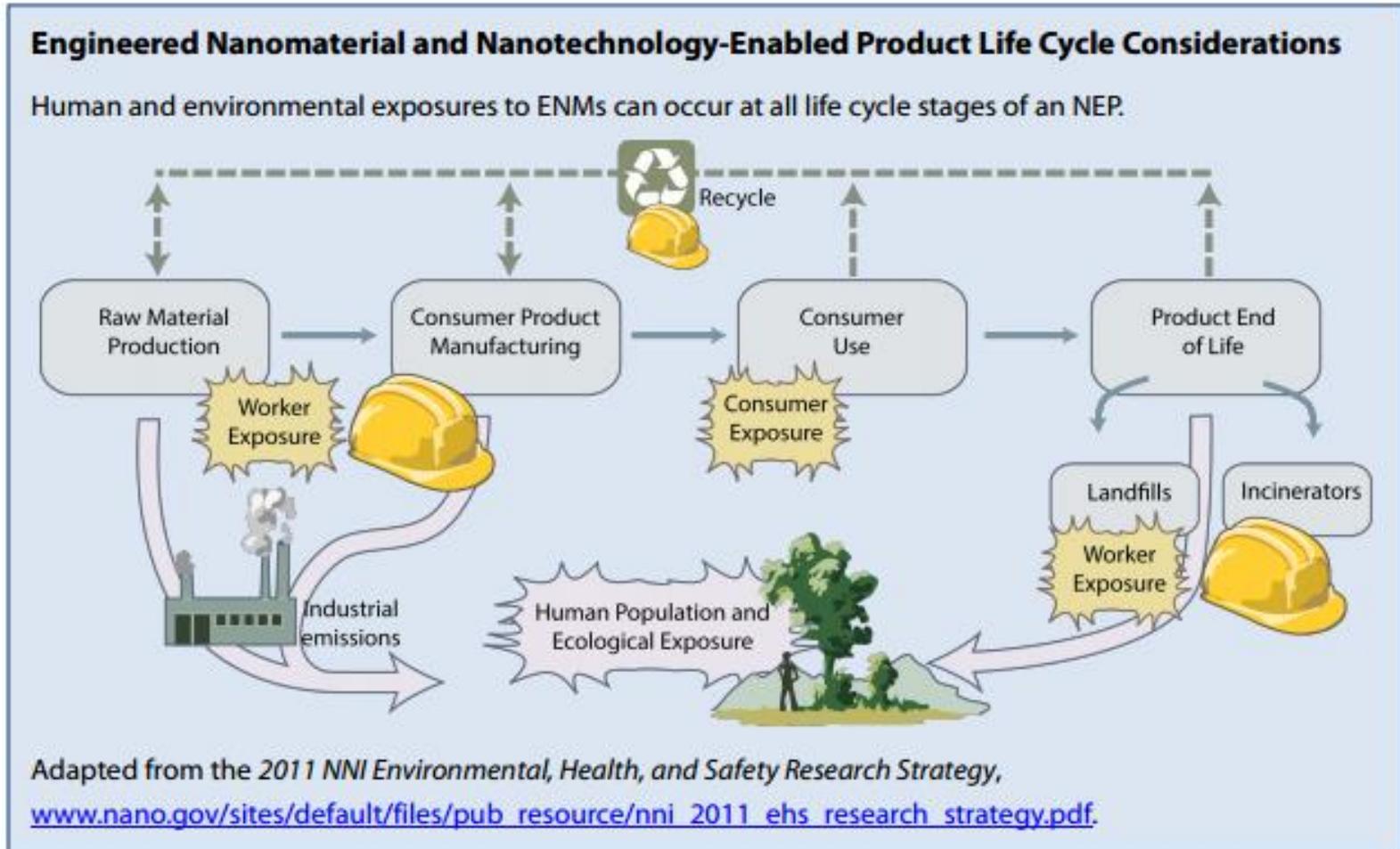
# **Sustainable** = Technologies That...

- **Reduce** Impact on Life forms (human, animal, plant)
  - Toxic Effects
- **Reduce or Conserve** Finite Resources
  - Energy, Air, Water, Raw Materials, Fuel, Manpower
- **Reduce** Materials or Processing Required to Achieve Similar Function or Use
  - Lightweighting, Multifunctional, Nanotechnology
- **Reduce** Waste and Emissions
- **Ensure** Fairness to Stakeholders
- **Enhance** Safety to Operators and End users



**Anticipate and document all stages of the product's life cycle and estimate the impacts, prior to taking key design-related decisions.**

# LIFE CYCLE CONSIDERATIONS OF NANOPARTICLES



Referenced in NNI Strategic Plan, February 2014, p34.

# Achieving Sustainable Nano-Products

## 4 NSF-Sponsored Studies Conducted by NCMS:

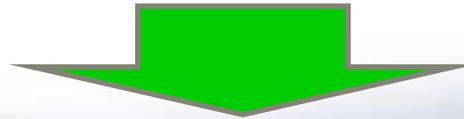
- 2003
- 2006
- 2009
- 2014

~1200 datasets on  
nano-organizations

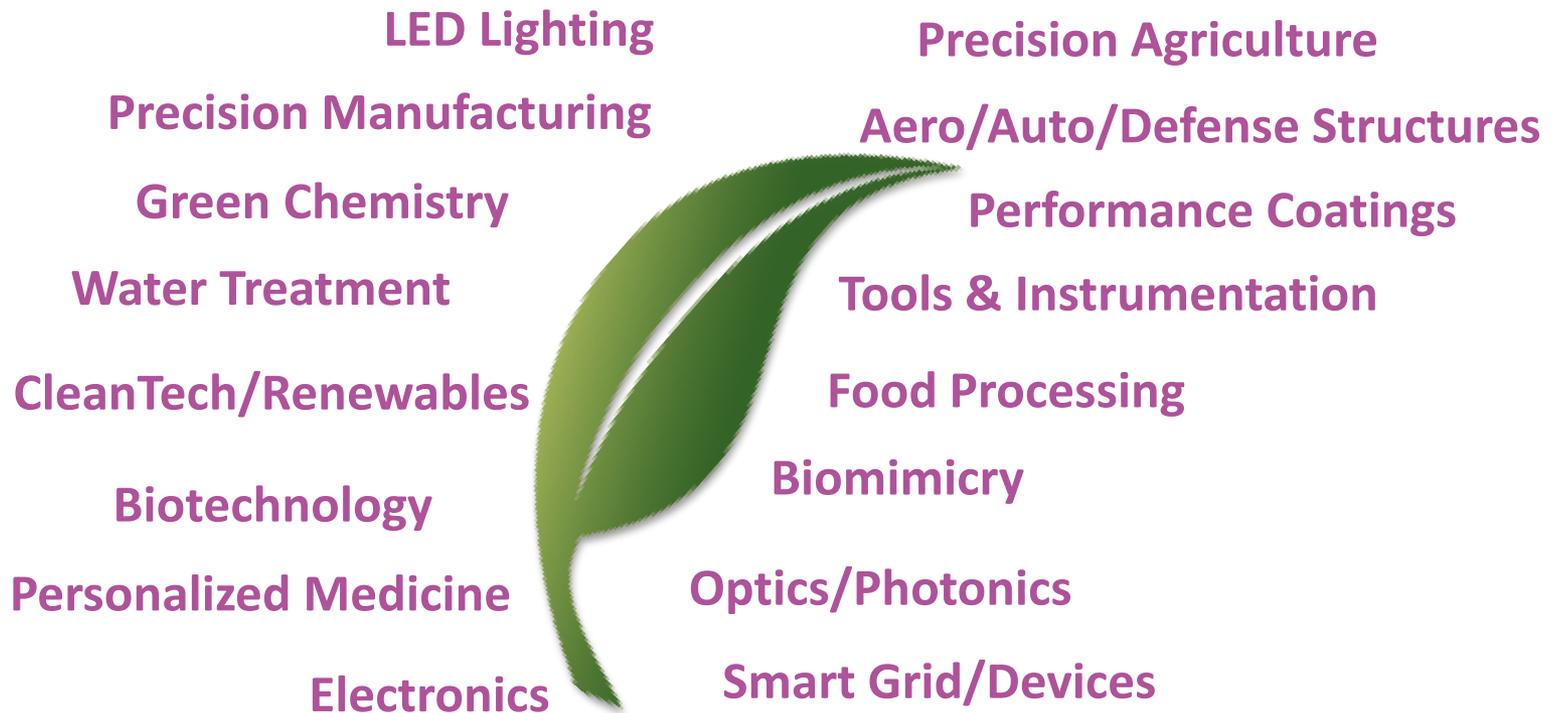


## Objectives:

- Assess NNI's Impact
- Industry Benchmarks
- Key Issues/Barriers
- Policy Feedback



# Nanotechnology Is At the Heart of All Innovations!



**Nano-scale Product Design, Engineering,  
Manufacturing, Characterization**

# NANOTECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS ARE EVERYWHERE



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# NANOTECHNOLOGY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS...



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# 20 Nano-Commercialization Factors

1. Geographic Location/Clustering
2. Org Role in Nano-Value Chain
3. Respondent's Org Function
4. Nanotech Application Markets
5. Coping with Nano-Strategy
6. Corporate Priority for Nanotech
7. Organization Capacity
8. Available Infrastructure
9. Interactions with FFRDCs, NSERCs
10. **Open-Innovation/Collaboration**
11. Offshoring of Development
12. Direct Staffing
13. Commercialization Timelines
14. *Nano-Product Type(s)*
15. Technology/Manufacturing Readiness Levels
16. **Sustainability/Eco-Labeling**
17. Role of Government
18. Key Challenges & Barriers
19. US Leadership/Competitiveness
20. **Externalities, Workforce, STEM**

**32-Question Online Survey = A Wellness Scorecard!**

**Global data portal at [www.usnanosurvey.org](http://www.usnanosurvey.org)**

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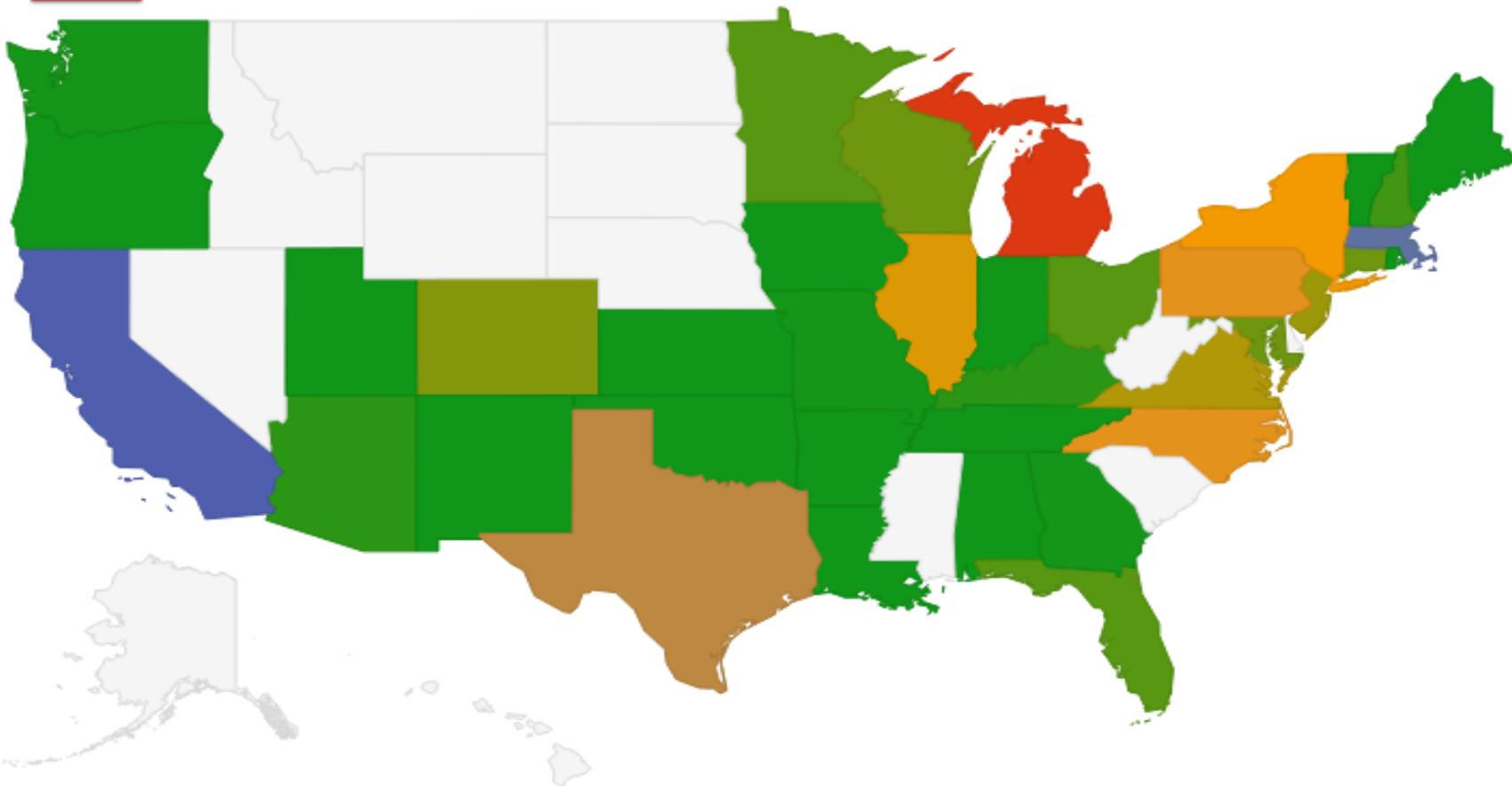
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“There are lies, damned lies, and statistics!”

- Mark Twain



# DISTRIBUTION OF ~300 SURVEY RESPONDENTS

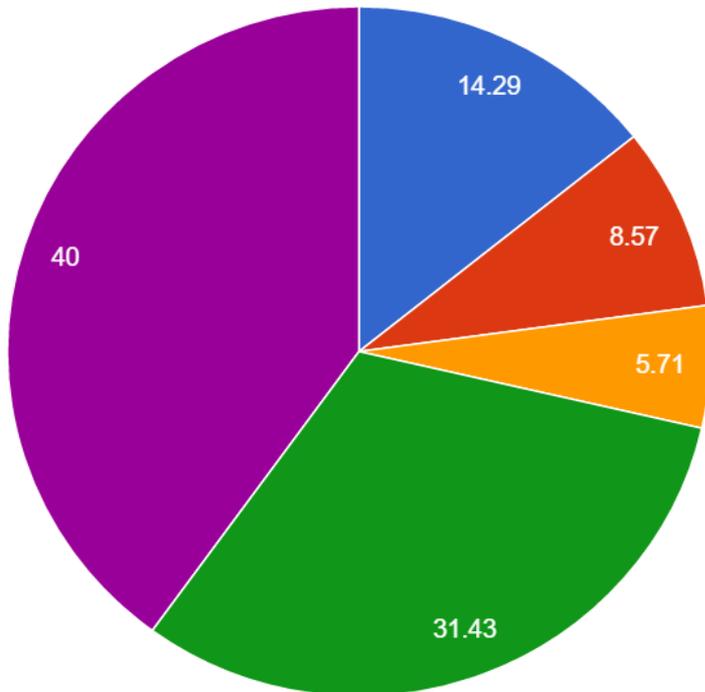


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# COMMERCIALIZATION STAGE – MICHIGAN (35)

**1 in 3 respondents were from established corporations,  
1 in 5 from startups**



Early Stage Startup	14.29
Late Stage Startup	8.57
Growth Phase Corp	5.71
Established or Diversified Corp	31.43
Not a manufacturer	40

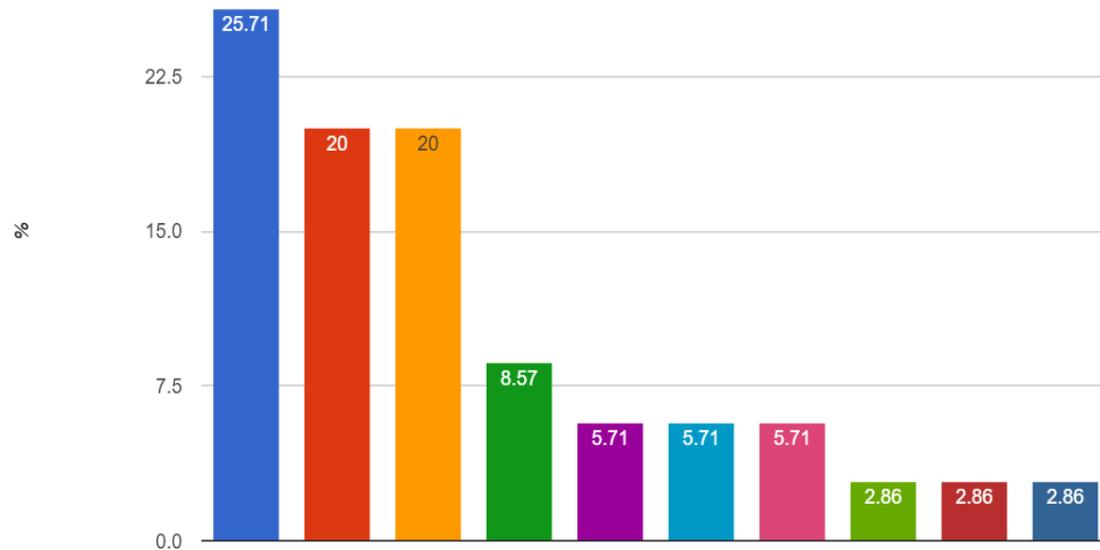
# ORGANIZATION ROLE IN NANO-VALUE CHAIN - MANUFACTURERS

Suppliers of engineered nanomaterials and intermediate processors dominated the manufacturer list.



# ORG ROLE IN NANO VALUE-CHAIN: MICHIGAN (35)

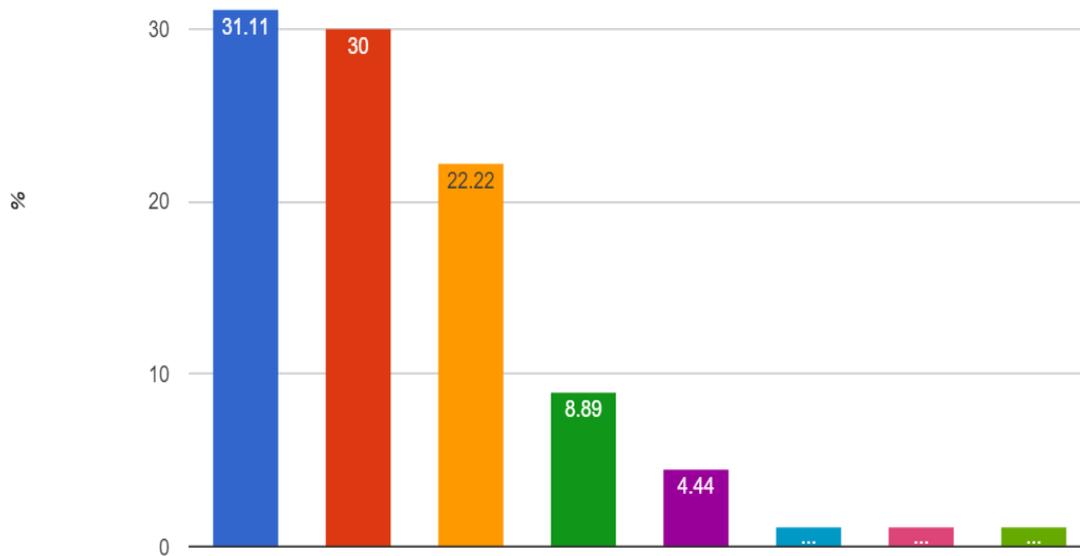
Academic Researchers, Materials Suppliers & Systems Integrators Dominate Michigan's Nano-space



2014 NCMS-NSF Nanomanufacturing Survey Project.

Academic/Govt Lab/Non-profit	25.71	Materials Supplier	20	Solutions Provider	20
Intermediate Processor	8.57	Integrator/Assembler	5.71	Trade Organization	5.71
Other	5.71	Component/Sub-system Supplier	2.86	Equipment Manufacturer	2.86
Original Eqpt Manufacturer	2.86				

# NANOTECH DRIVERS – MICHIGAN (35)



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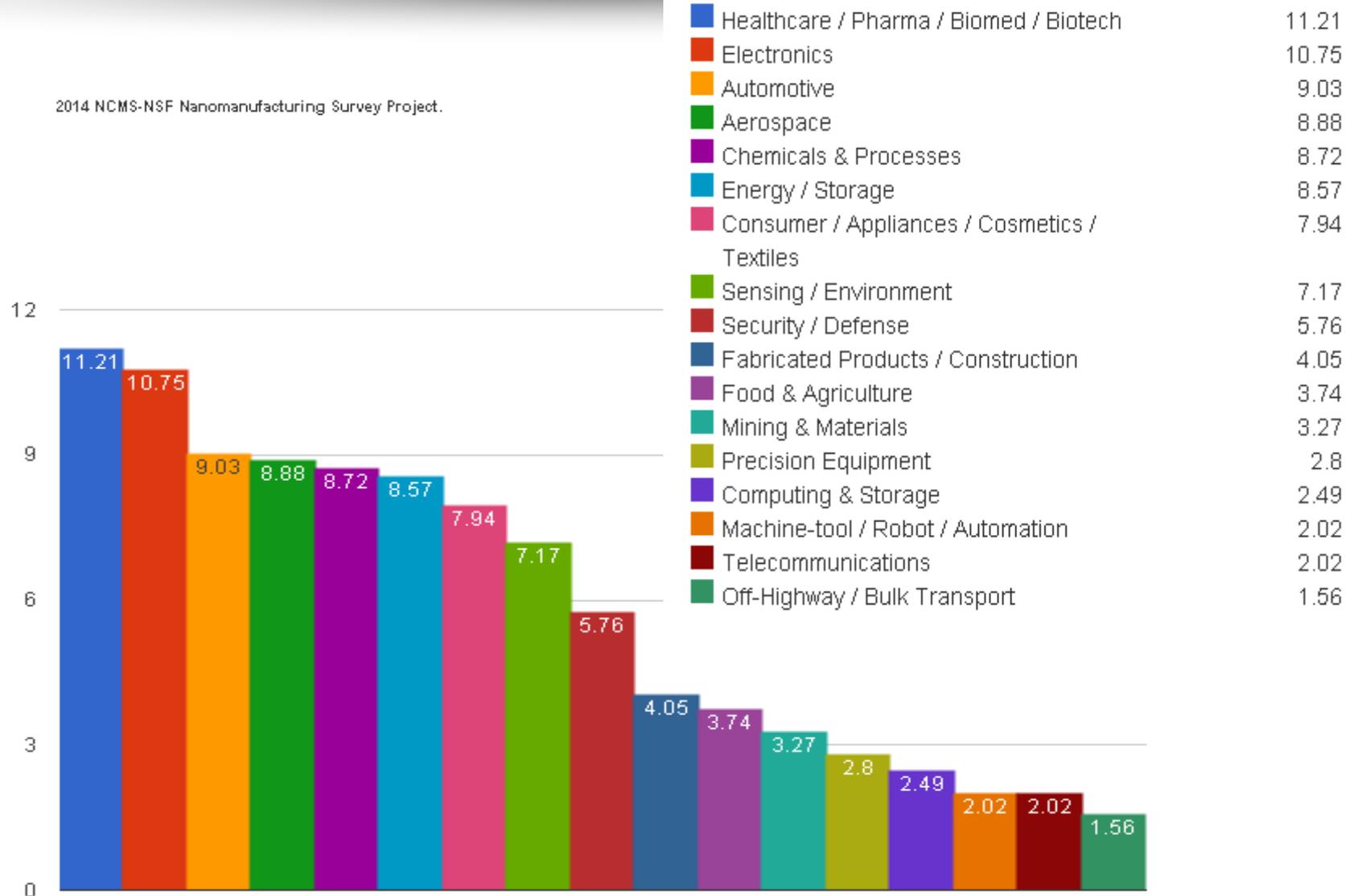
New product or service  
Enhance competitiveness  
Conserve resources

31.11 Superior performance  
8.89 Reduce EH&S footprint  
1.11 Other

30 Improve manufacturing  
4.44 Compliance to regulations  
1.11

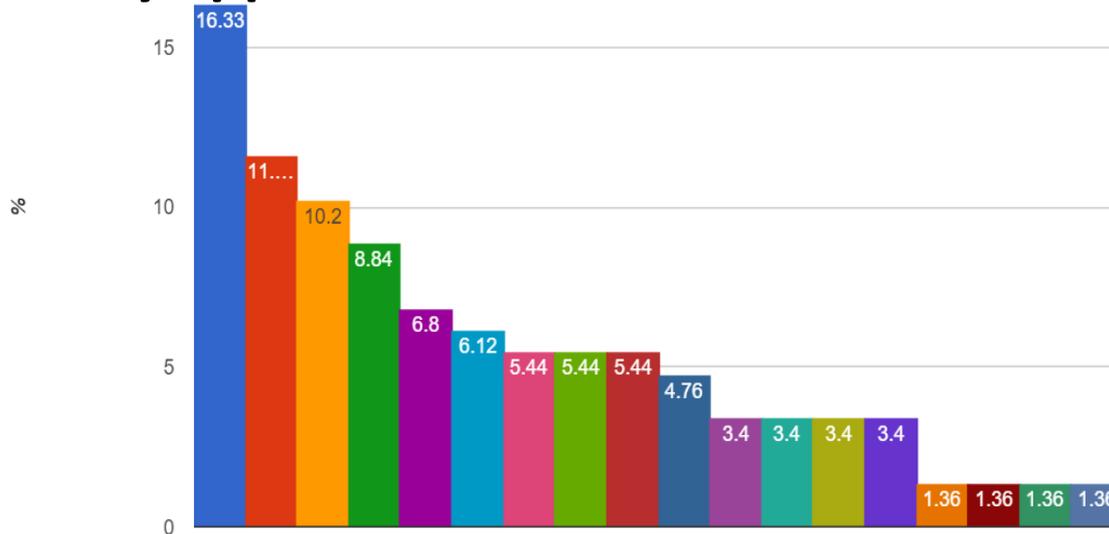
# APPLICATION MARKETS – MANUFACTURERS

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# APPLICATION MARKETS – MICHIGAN (35)

**Automotive, Aerospace, Energy/Storage and Healthcare are the primary application markets for nanotechnology in Michigan**



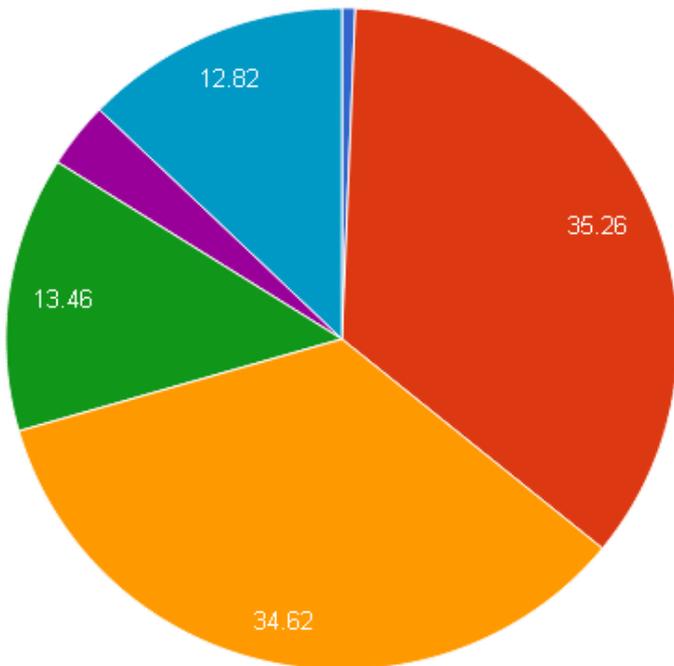
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Automotive	16.33	Aerospace	11.56	Energy / Storage	10.2
Healthcare / Pharma / Biomed / Biotech	8.84	Consumer / Appliances / Cosmetics / Textiles	6.8	Sensing / Environment	6.12
Chemicals & Processes	5.44	Security / Defense	5.44	Electronics	5.44
Machine-tool / Robot / Automation	4.76	Off-Highway / Bulk Transport	3.4	Precision Equipment	3.4
Mining & Materials	3.4	Fabricated Products / Construction	3.4	Food & Agriculture	1.36
Other	1.36	Computing & Storage	1.36	Telecommunications	1.36

# OPEN INNOVATION - MANUFACTURERS

About 50% manufacturers are involved in Open Innovation.  
 47% indicated no involvement in Open Innovation for nanotechnology, or Don't know.

Other	0.64
Not involved with OI in nanotech	35.26
Occasionally participate in OI	34.62
Routinely participates/invests in OI	13.46
Proven OI record with nano-product(s)	3.21
Don't know	12.82

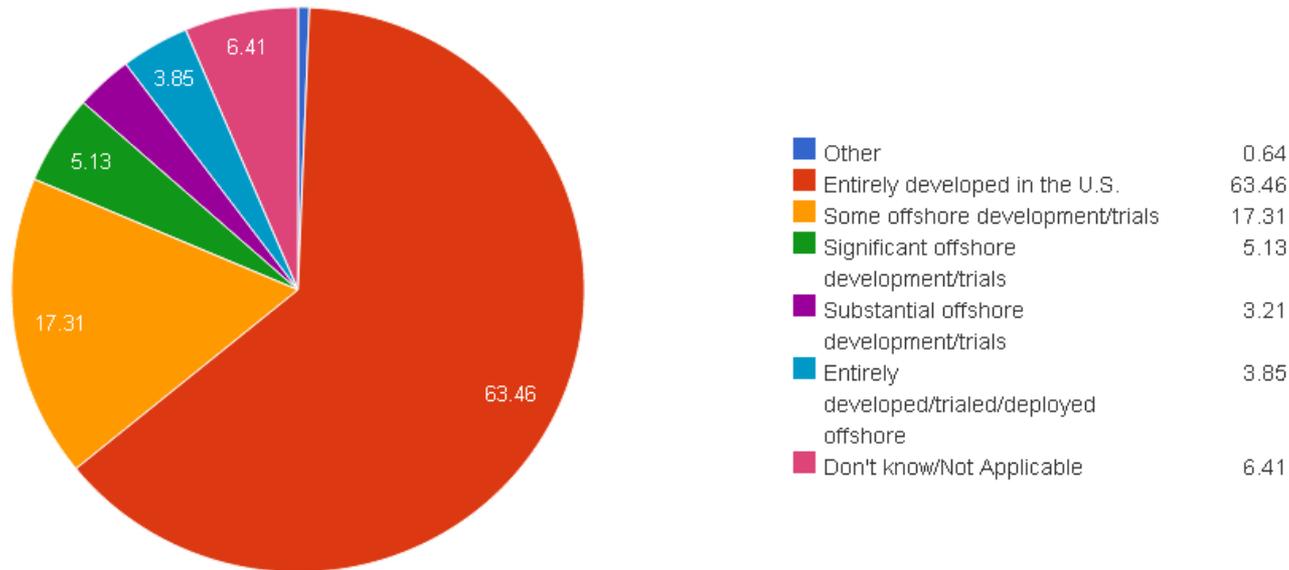


<u>Types of O-I Practices</u>	<u>(%)</u>
<b>Seek specialized resources</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Leverage subject matter expertise</b>	<b>20.33</b>
<b>Seek co-development partners</b>	<b>21.67</b>
<b>Technology-scouting / investment</b>	<b>11.33</b>
<b>Fund / pursue challenge awards</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>15.33</b>

# OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT – MANUFACTURERS

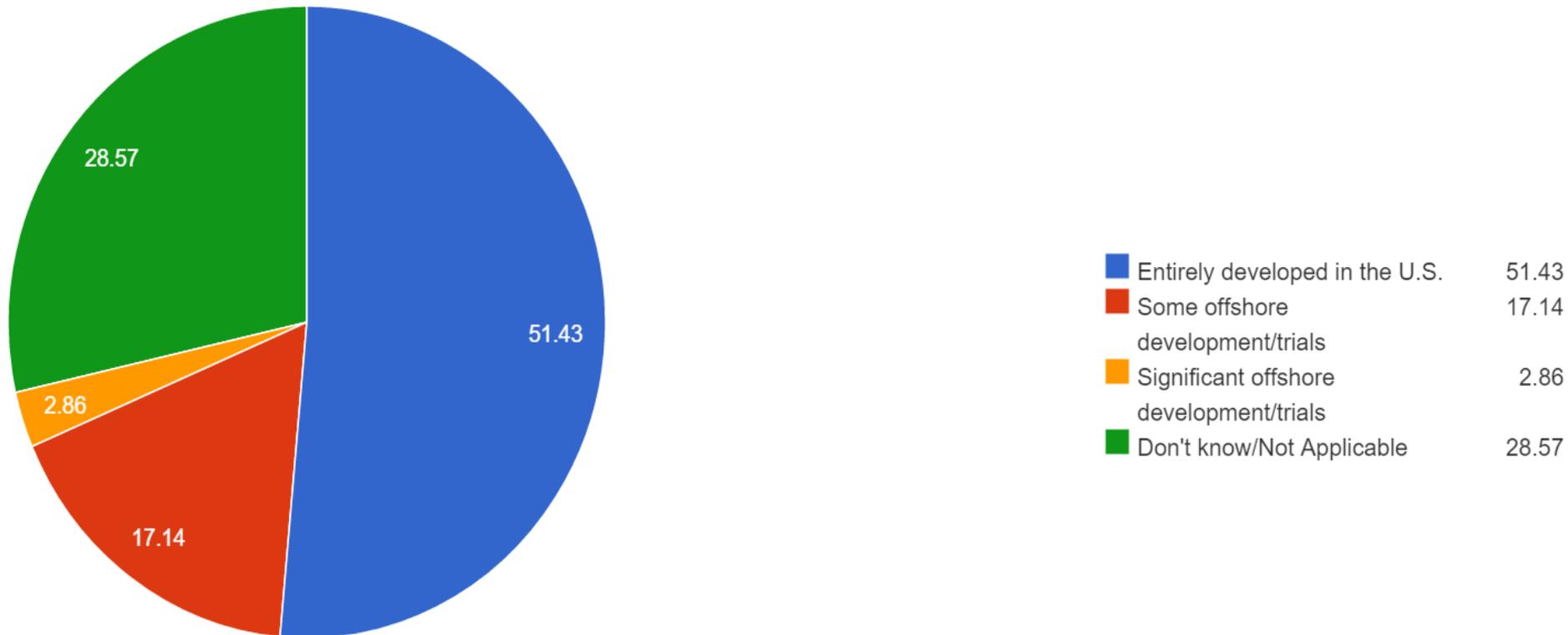
63% manufacturing respondents indicated nanotechnology is entirely developed in the U.S.

25% indicated offshore nanotechnology developments.



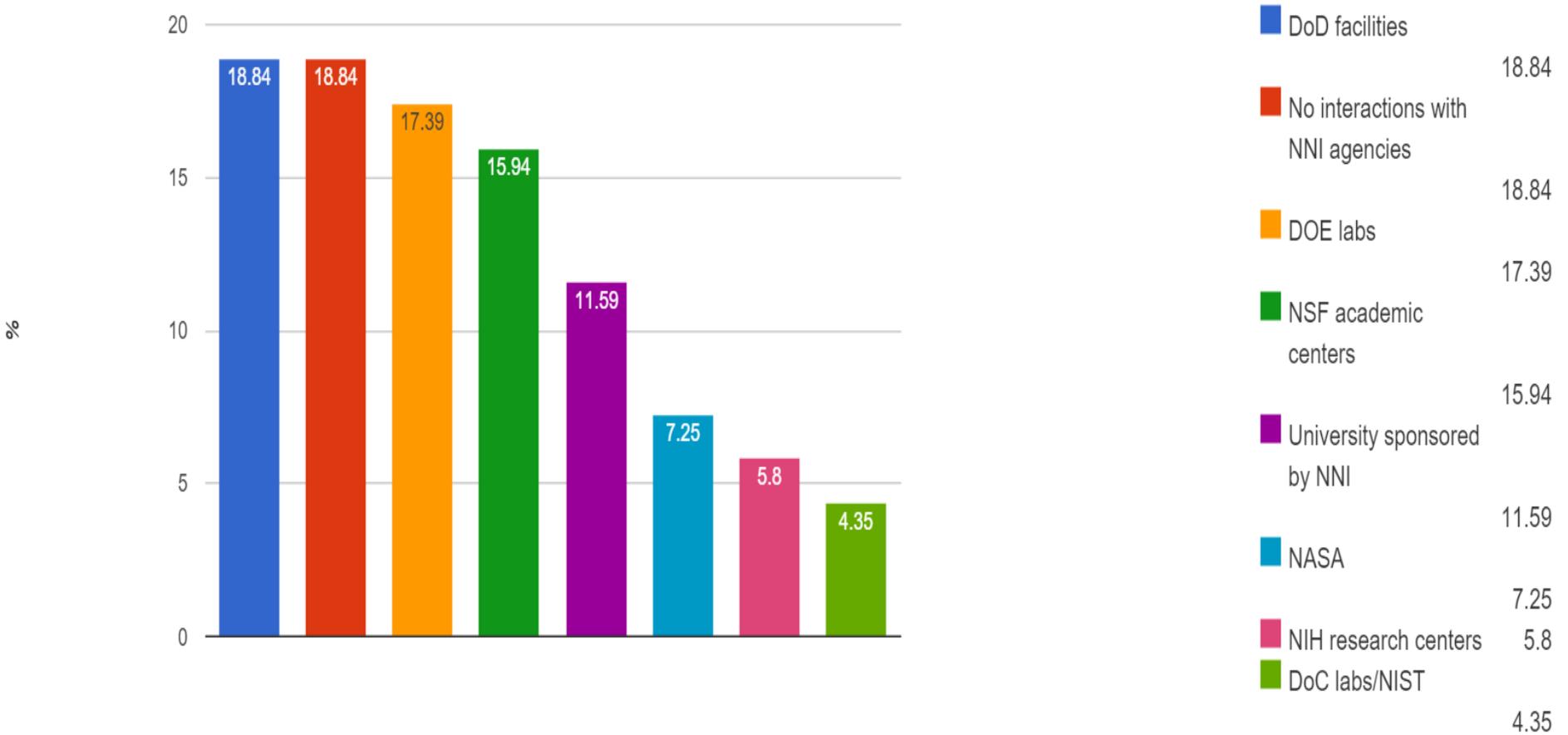
# OFFSHORE R&D - MICHIGAN

**Fewer Michigan corporations involved in offshore nanotechnology R&D compared to National aggregate.**



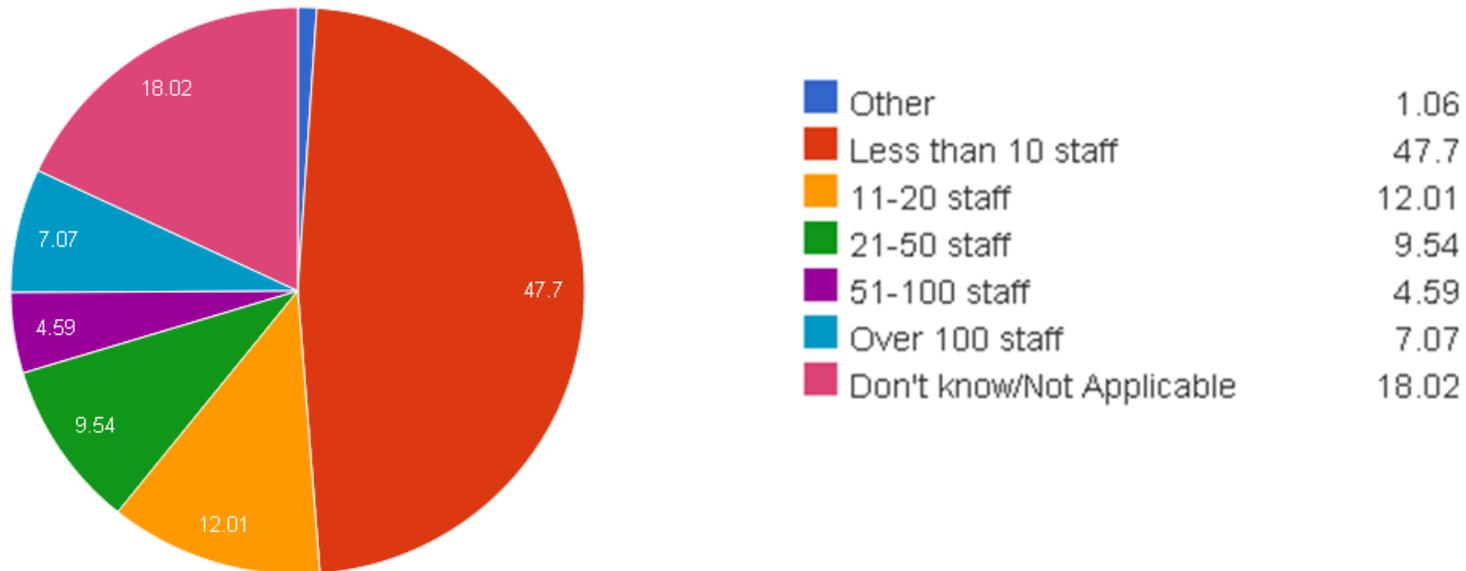
# NNI COLLABORATIONS - MICHIGAN

Michigan organizations are more likely to collaborate with DOD, DOE and NSF in nano-R&D

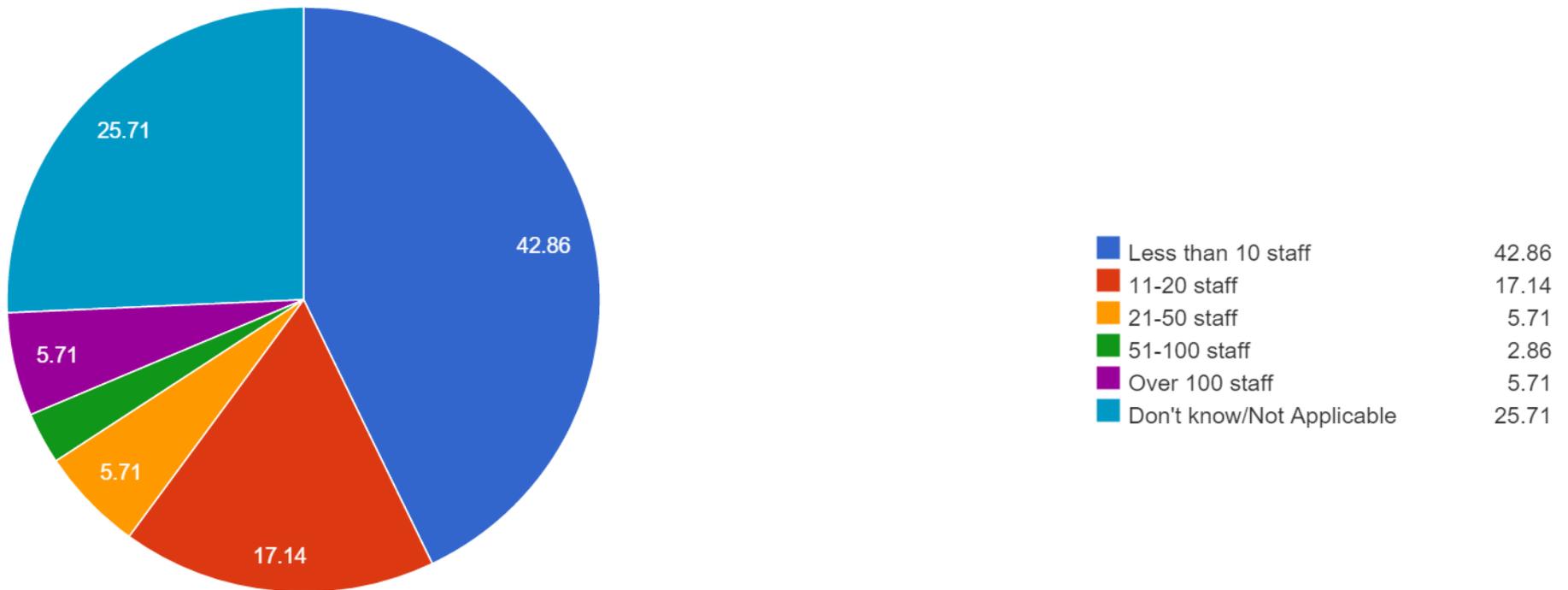


# DIRECT STAFFING IN NANOMANUFACTURING

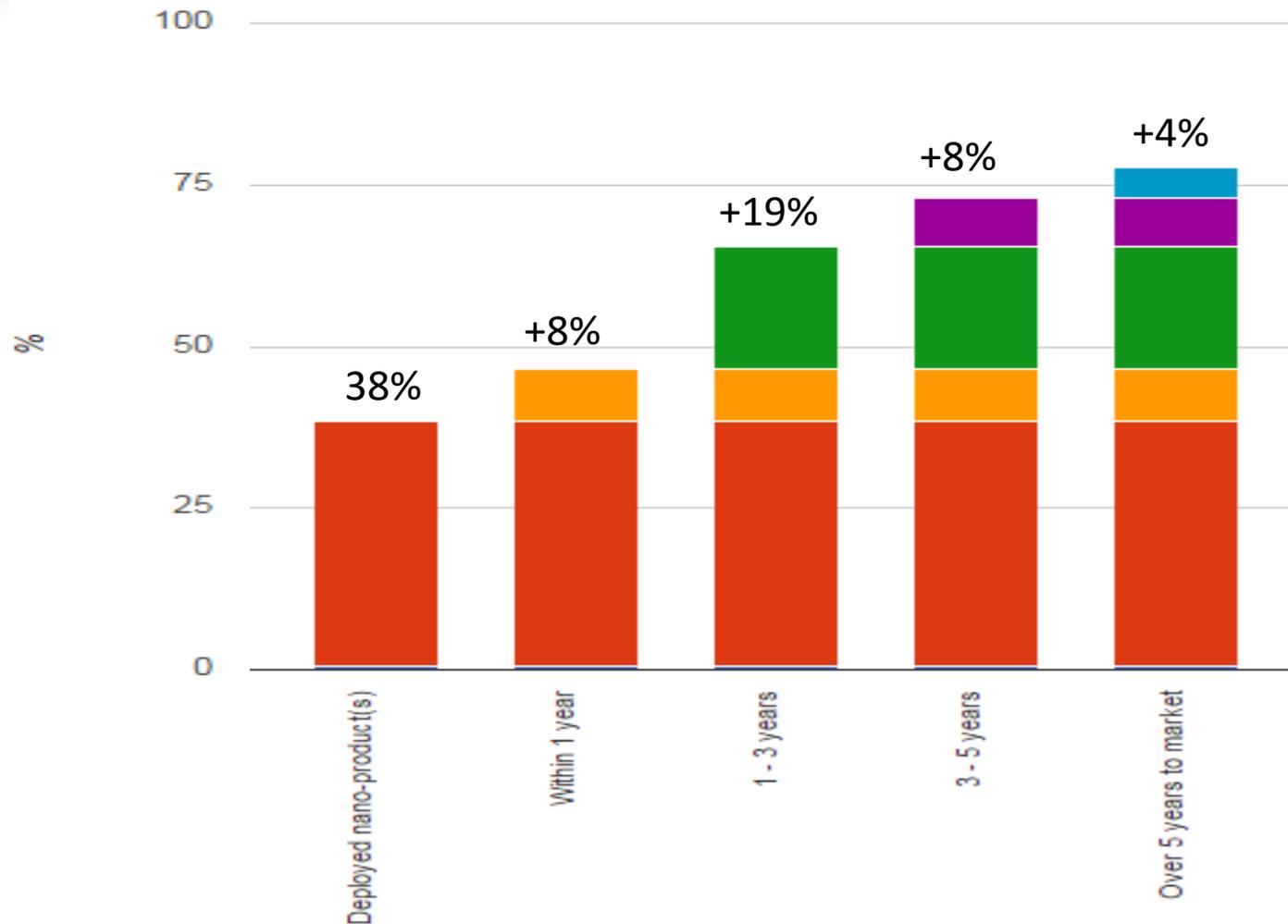
- Start-ups (<10 staff) are still the norm in nanotechnology development, but larger organizations are also engaged in commercial developments with nano-enabled products.
- Consolidation and vertical integration trend continues.
- 18% respondents did not disclose staffing levels.



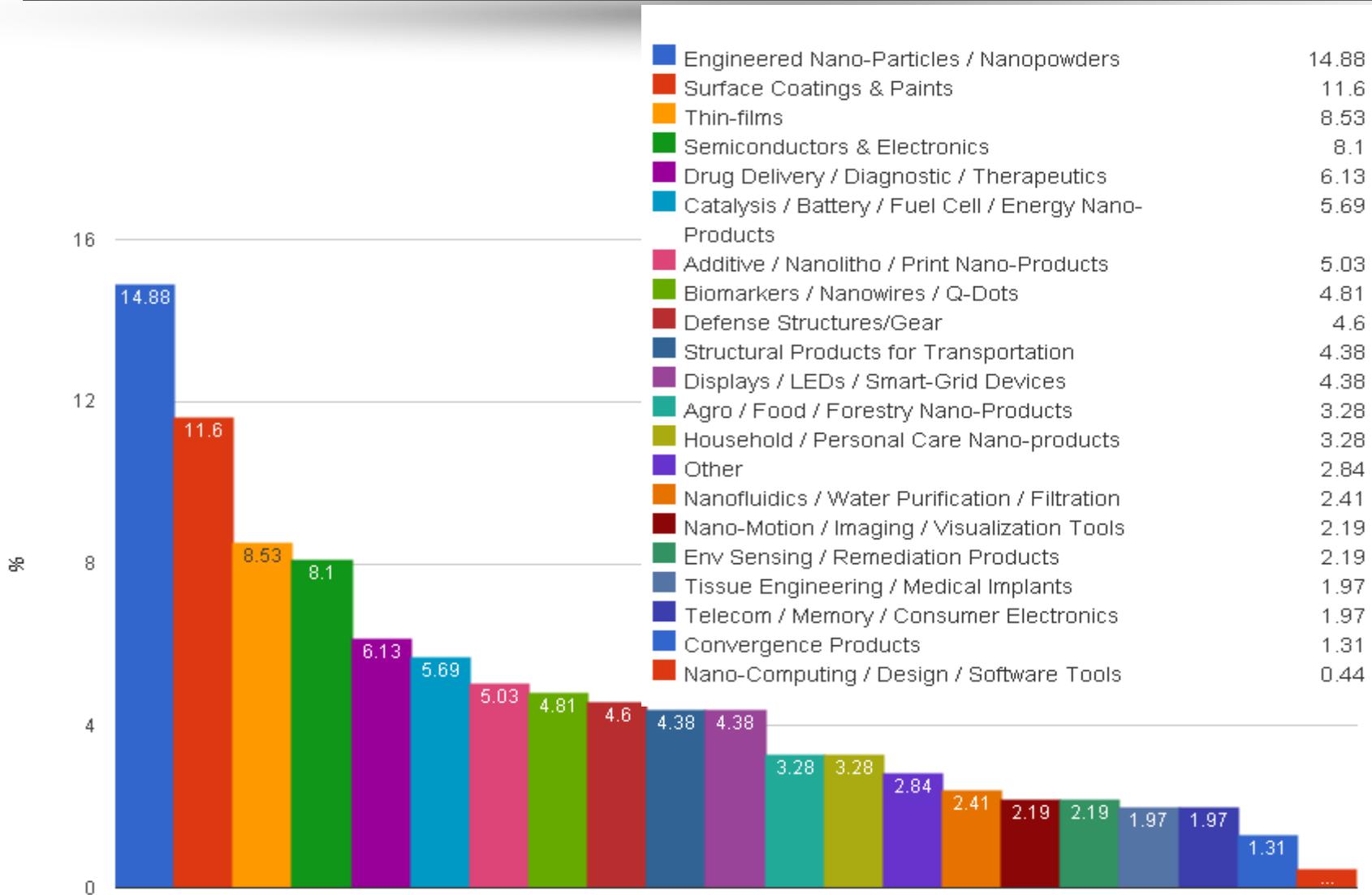
# DIRECT STAFFING - MICHIGAN



# COMPRESSED INDUSTRY R&D TIMELINES- 77% WILL DEPLOY NANO-PRODUCTS BY 2020

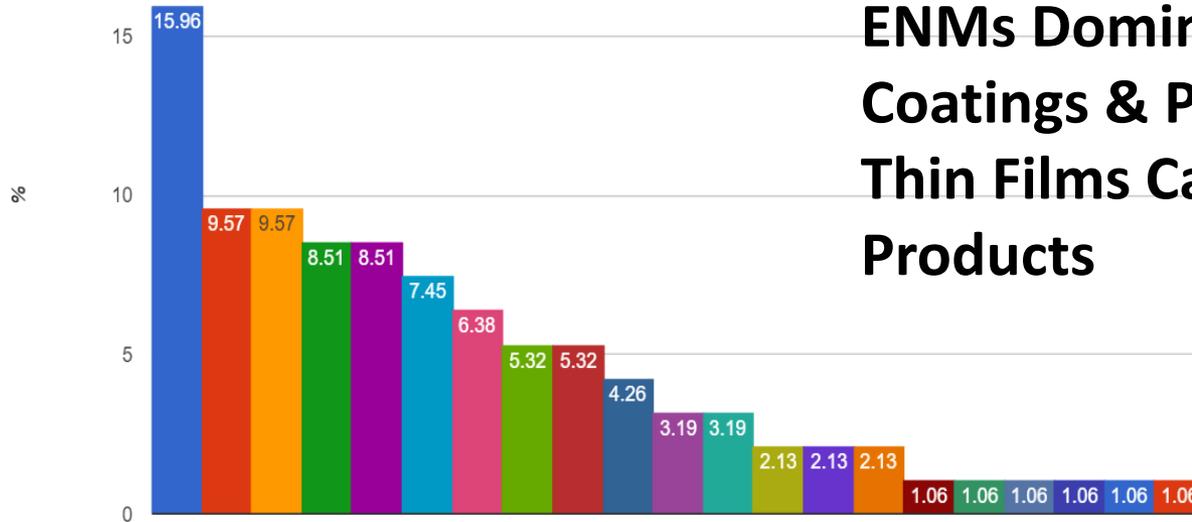


# NANOPRODUCT TYPES – MANUFACTURERS



# NANOPRODUCTS - MICHIGAN

**ENMs Dominate!  
Coatings & Paints,  
Thin Films Catalysts/Battery  
Products**



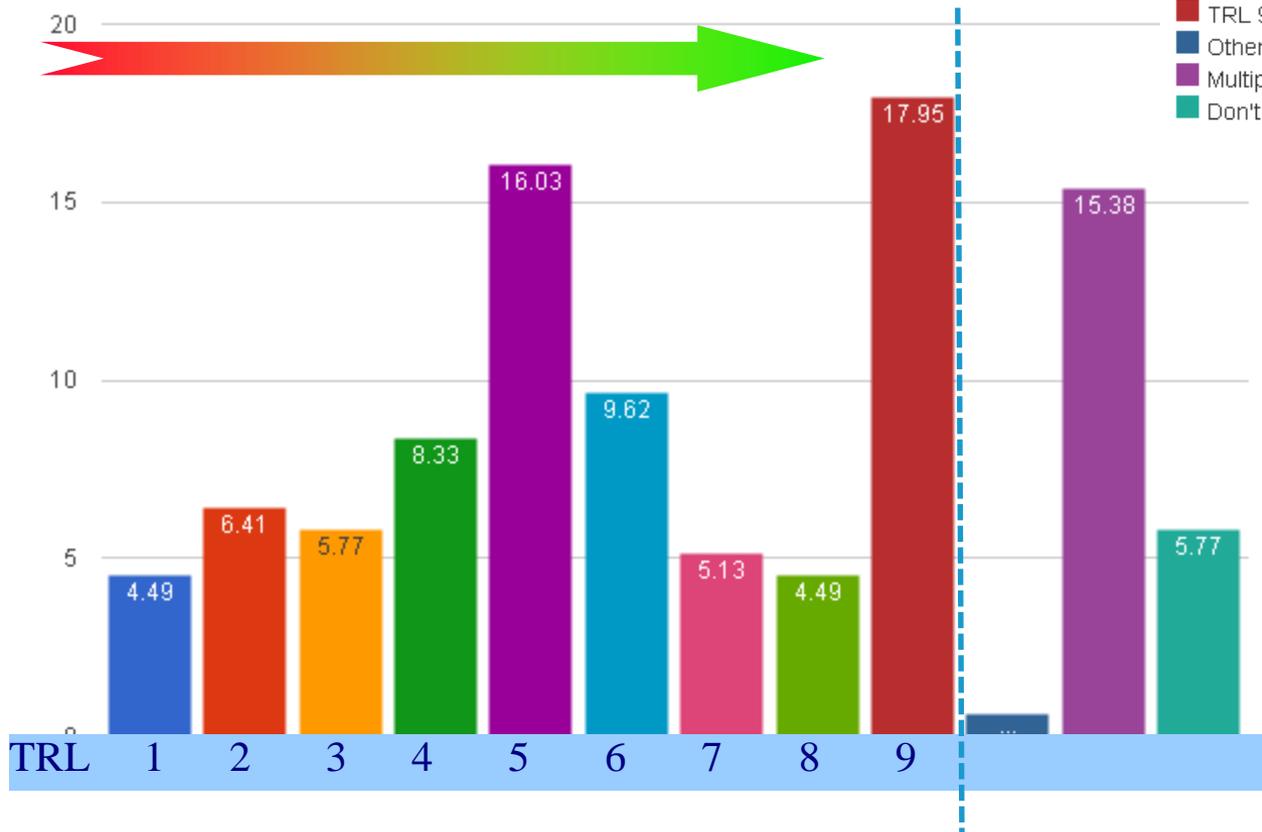
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15.96	Engineered Nano-Particles / Nanopowders	9.57	Thin-films	9.57
8.51	Surface Coatings & Paints	8.51	Catalysis / Battery / Fuel Cell / Energy Nano-Products	7.45
6.38	Other	5.32	Structural Products for Transportation	5.32
4.26	Drug Delivery / Diagnostic / Therapeutics	3.19	Additive / Nanolitho / Print Nano-Products	3.19
	Biomarkers / Nanowires / Q-Dots		Env Sensing / Remediation Products	
			Nanofluidics / Water Purification / Filtration	

# NANO-PRODUCT READINESS – MFRERS

Manufacturers were generally involved in mid- to high-TRLs and had a greater sense of purpose and deliberation working with nanotechnology.

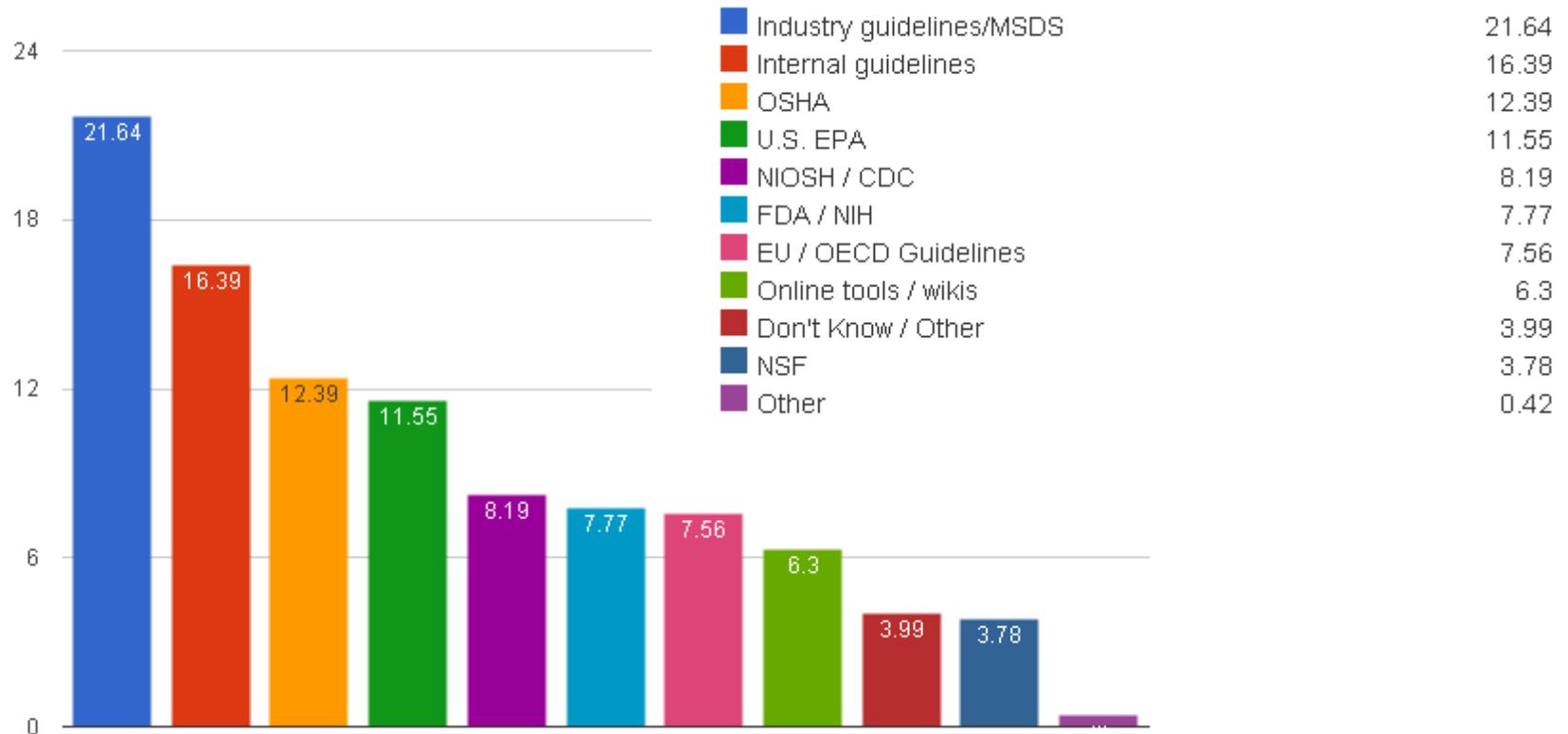
TRL 1	4.49
TRL 2	6.41
TRL 3	5.77
TRL 4	8.33
TRL 5	16.03
TRL 6	9.62
TRL 7	5.13
TRL 8	4.49
TRL 9	17.95
Other	0.64
Multiple nano-products / Various TRLs	15.38
Don't know / No nano-products	5.77



# EH&S RESOURCES – MFRERS

Little difference observed in trends for aggregate respondents versus manufacturers - the top 5 EHS resources accessed are:

Industry guidelines/MSDS, Internal guidelines, OSHA, EPA and NIOSH/CDC



# TOP BARRIERS TO NANOMANUFACTURING

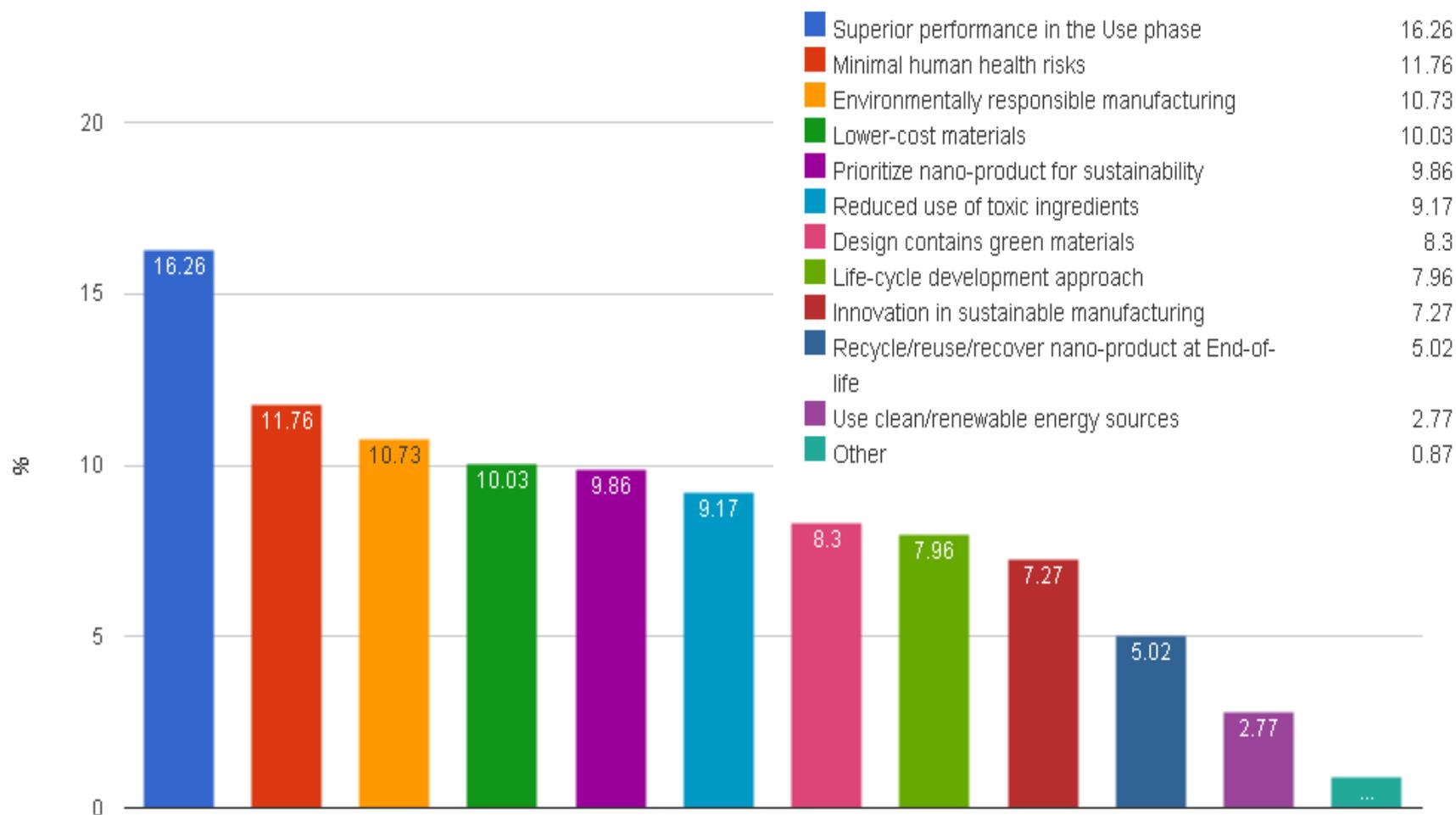
## High

## Medium

## Low

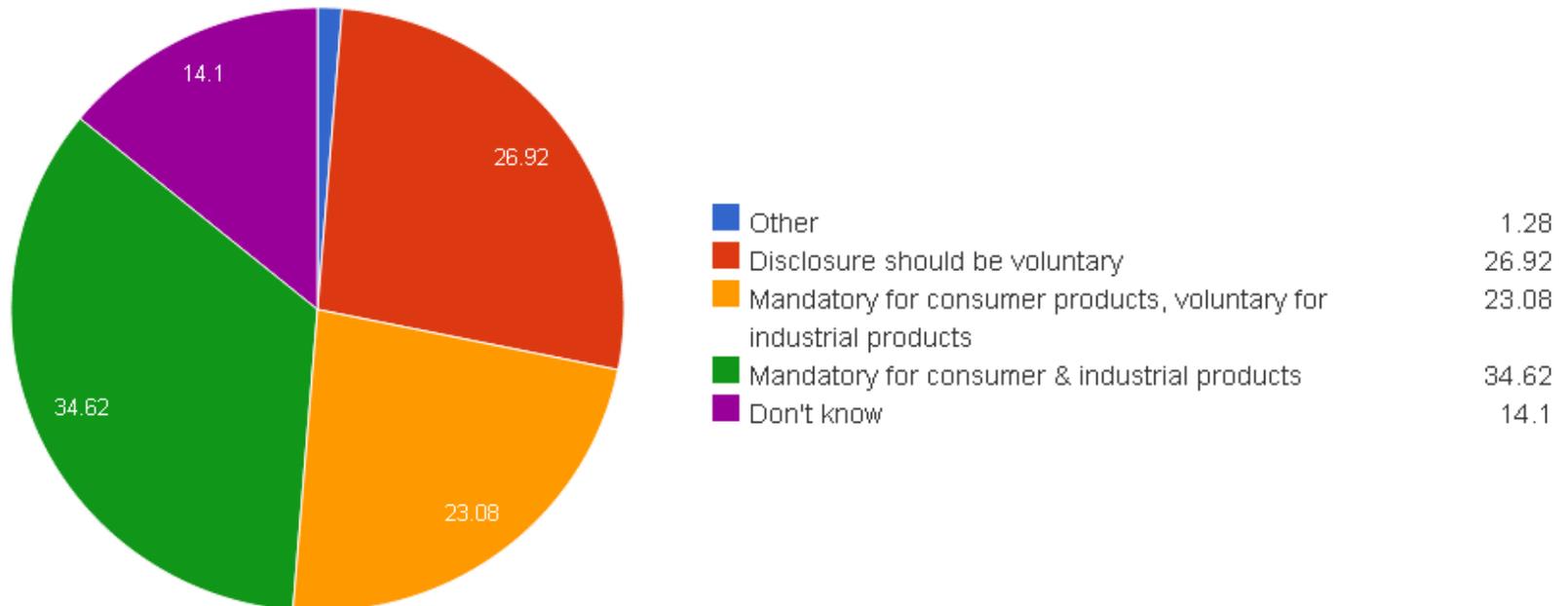
Insufficient Capital	Robust Supply-chains	Government Policy Issues
Long Pathway	Uncertain Benefits of Nanotech	Foreign Competition
High Processing Cost	IP Challenges	Lack Management Skills
Process Scalability	Material/Product Variability	Unattractive Market
Regulatory Uncertainty	Lack Standards/Measurement	Robust Supply-chains
EH&S Concerns	EH&S Concerns	Critical Materials
IP Challenges	Government Policy Issues	Multi-disciplinary Complexity
Lack Manufacturing Resources	Lack Manufacturing Resources	Lack Nanomaterial Databases
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# SUSTAINABILITY ATTRIBUTES – MFRERS



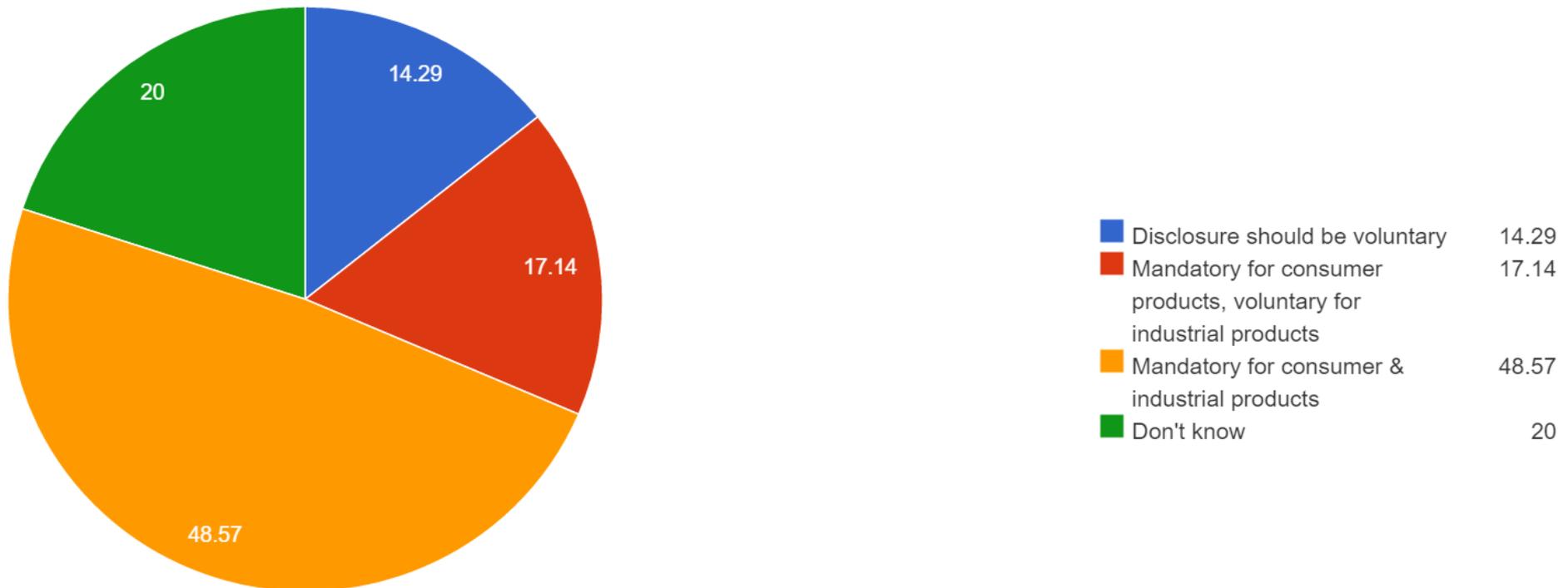
# ECO-LABELS & DISCLOSURE– MANUFACTURERS

The statistical trends for 185 manufacturers were similar to the aggregate 300 respondents.



# ECO-LABELS & DISCLOSURE - MICHIGAN

**1 in 2 Michigan corporations feel Eco-labels should be mandatory for all products**



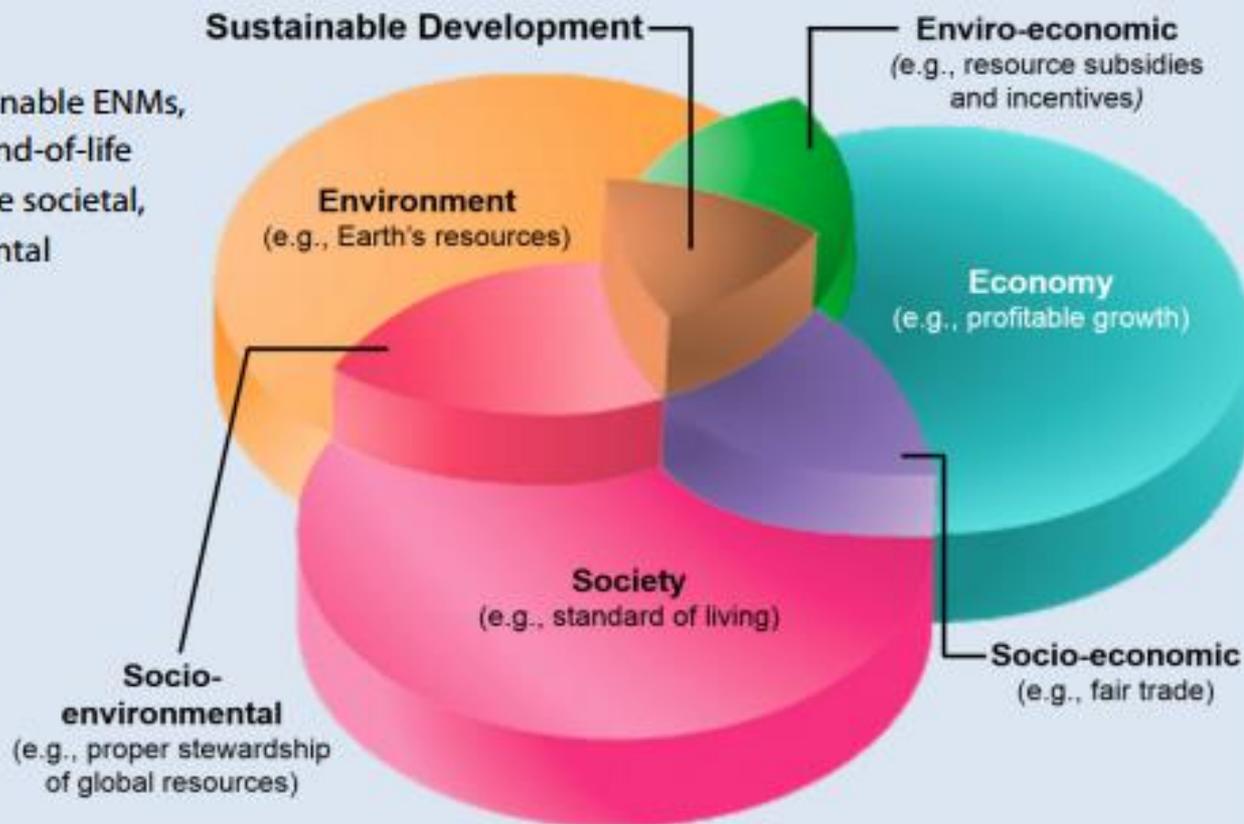
# MEGA-TRENDS DRIVING NANO-ENABLED PRODUCTS

- Smart, Connected Devices & Vehicles, Internet of Things (IoT/IoE)
- Mobile Computing Platforms (Smart telecom, Wearables, Sensors)
- Personalized Nanomedicine (Diagnostics, Therapeutics)
- Multi-functional Coatings, 3-D Printing, Additive Manufacturing
- Energy and Storage (Solar PV, Battery, Fuel Cell Chemistry)

# TRIPLE BOTTOMLINE SUSTAINABILITY IS IMPERATIVE...

## Sustainability

The development of sustainable ENMs, NEP manufacturing, and end-of-life processes must incorporate societal, economic, and environmental considerations.



**Source:** Martin L. Green, NIST; figure adapted from "Materials for Sustainable Development", *MRS Bulletin* 37(4), 304 (2012).

Referenced in NNI Strategic Plan, February 2014, p36-37

# Life Cycle Thinking...

## Sustainability Tools

- Energy/Emissions/Water Impacts, Footprints
- Financial Link with Tools & Models
- Data Standards & Reporting
- Iterative P-D-C-A Processes to Launch/Monitor/Revise Products & Processes

Trust But Also Verify!

## Game-Changing Technologies

- Nanotechnology/Nanomanufacturing
- Additive Manufacturing
- Virtual Prototyping Across Scales
- Lightweighting & Green Manufacturing

Unintended Consequences of Novel Technologies

## Workforce Competencies

- Nurture Workforce on Basics, STEM
- Long-Term US Talent Availability
- Risk of Doing Less While Knowing Less!
- Competition from BRIC Nations

## Strategy (At All Levels)

- Early Engagement of End-Users
- Apply Multiple Perspectives & Disciplines
- Collaboration & Trust Across Supply Chains
- Decouple Regulation from Politics

Address System-Level Solutions

The Payoffs: Safe, **C**lean, Efficient **S**ystems

# WHAT'S NEEDED?

## Nano-scale Product Decisions Cannot Be Made in Isolation!

- Non-dilutive capital and Govt. investment/R&D incentives by both, federal and state agencies for sustained leadership, entrepreneurial growth and retention of innovation in the U.S.
- New collaboration models (e.g., O-I) are key for accelerated product realization, EHS risk mitigation, faster product launches, competitiveness and accelerating market-adoption of safely designed nano-enabled products.
- Translational R&D workforce is critical to stimulate future economic development/job growth – the skills gap is a major weakness for U.S. manufacturers.

# Thank You!

“Sustainability is not a problem to be solved. It is a future to be created. True leadership is about cultivating the collective capacity so that people shape futures they truly desire.”

- Peter Senge



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