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ASME Acquires Women in 3D Printing

NEW YORK (June 10, 2025) — The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) today announced it has finalized an agreement to assume the operations and acquire the assets of [Women in 3D Printing \(Wi3DP\)](https://womenin3dprinting.org/). Since 2014, Wi3DP has been “promoting, supporting and inspiring women using additive manufacturing technologies” across a variety of industries and applications, and currently includes more than 13,000 members in 100 chapters worldwide.

“Women in 3D Printing has had an incredible 10-year journey. Along the way, it became clear that additional resources were needed to sustain and expand our mission,” said Nora Toure, founder and board chair. “Joining forces with ASME ensures that the spirit and impact of Wi3DP will be preserved, while gaining the structure and support needed to grow, evolve, and reach even greater heights.”

Currently, 13% of the AM/3DP workforce is women and 11% of businesses in the industry are women-owned, according to [Wi3DP research and Diversity for Additive Manufacturing reports](#). Wi3DP’s goal is to bring those numbers up to 50%. Comparatively, around 16–17% of engineers in the U.S. are women, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and National Science Foundation, with variations by engineering discipline. Roughly 9% of mechanical engineers are women.

“An inclusive engineering community leads to more innovation,” said Stephanie Viola, executive director of the ASME Foundation and managing director of ASME Philanthropy and Programs. “Together, ASME and Women in 3D Printing can help address the workforce gap while also ensuring that engineering remains an open and welcoming field for all who have the ability and aspire to contribute toward solutions for global challenges.”

For more information, visit <https://womenin3dprinting.org/>.

About ASME

ASME helps the global engineering community develop solutions to real world challenges. Founded in 1880 as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ASME is a not-for-profit professional organization that enables collaboration, knowledge sharing, and skill development across all engineering disciplines, while promoting the vital role of the engineer in society. ASME codes and standards, publications, conferences, continuing education, and professional development programs provide a foundation for advancing technical knowledge and a safer world. In 2020, ASME formed the International Society of Interdisciplinary Engineers (ISIE) II & III LLC, a new for-profit subsidiary to house business ventures that will bring new and innovative products, services, and technologies to the engineering community. For more information, visit www.asme.org.

About the ASME Foundation

The ASME Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, supporting an array of programs in three core pillars: engineering education, career engagement, and global development. With the goal of empowering tomorrow's technical workforce, the ASME Foundation advances equitable access both to professional opportunities and to engineering innovations that improve quality of life. For more information, visit www.asmefoundation.org.

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