

Progress Chart

Total Implemented = 36

Total in Progress = 21

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60	Create an Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services to serve as chief advocate for the manufacturing sector and implement recommendations	◆
60	Create an Office of Industry Analysis to assess the cost competitiveness of American industry and evaluate the impact of domestic and international economic policy on U.S. competitiveness	◆
61	Establish the Manufacturing Council to foster coordination and communication among U.S. Industry and the Federal Government	◆
61	Establish an interagency working group on manufacturing to coordinate the implementation of recommendations and the development of new initiatives	◆
63	Promote Health Savings Accounts as established in the 2003 Medicare bill	◆
64	Implement New Technologies, such as bar coding and electronic prescribing, to prevent costly medical errors	◆
64	Enact Class Action reform	◆
65	Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to lead a comprehensive three-step process to reduce the burden of regulations	◆
66	Pass the President's Energy Plan	◆
66	Enact legislation to enable modernization and increased reliability of electricity production & transmission	◆
66	Enact legislation to facilitate adequate and economical supplies of natural gas	◆
66	Congress to ensure a future for clean-burning coal and nuclear power	◆
67	Fund the hydrogen fuel initiative	◆
67	Review of current R&D programs important to manufacturing to ensure appropriate focus on innovation and productivity-enhancing technologies	◆
68	Establish a new interagency working group on manufacturing R&D and prioritize future federal support to Advanced Manufacturing Technology	◆
69	Expand the reach of programs providing technical assistance to standards agencies, national metrology institutes, and regional metrology organizations in the developing world	◆
70	Coordinate Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) fully with other Department of Commerce programs	◆
71	Encourage the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs (STTR) to focus on Manufacturing	◆
71	Explore the establishment of cooperative research programs on manufacturing technologies among national laboratories, universities, the SBIR program, community colleges and state and local technology development associations	◆
73	Create an interagency federal task force to address the structural economic challenges facing manufacturing communities	◆
75	Press for the elimination of barriers to trade in financial services in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other trade agreements	◆
76	Pursue elimination of foreign tariff and non-tariff barriers for exports of U.S. manufactured goods	◆
77	Aggressively investigate allegations of intellectual property theft	◆
77	Promote the protection of US intellectual property by expanding cooperative efforts with other countries	◆
77	Establish an office of Investigations and Compliance within the Department of Commerce	◆
78	Establish a task force within the Department of Commerce Import Administration to investigate allegations of foreign unfair trade practices	◆
78	Establish an office to coordinate China and non-market economy investigations	◆
78	Consolidate export functions under a new Assistant Secretary for Trade Promotion	◆
78/79	Accelerate the implementation of the President's National Export Strategy	◆
79	Implement a joint public-private global supply chain initiative to promote access by America's Small and Medium sized manufacturers	◆
79	Promote the global recognition and use of U.S. technical standards	◆
79	Review the existing structure of the U.S. foreign trade zone program	◆
62/63	Conduct a Treasury study of tax simplification focusing on manufacturing, including depreciation, the corporate alternative minimum tax	◆
67	Enact legislation on pension reform including improving funding rules	◆
72	Pass legislation creating a coordinated high schools and technical education improvement program	◆
60	Initiate a benchmark analysis used to measure progress toward improving the economic environment for manufacturing in the U.S.	◆

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61	Create an Intergovernmental Committee to foster coordination among federal, state and local governments	
62	Eliminate the death tax and make tax cuts permanent	
63	Make the Research and Experimentation Tax Credit permanent	
63	Adopt tax incentives to increase savings	
63	Pass legislation to create and fund association health plans	
64	Accelerate the Food and Drug Administration's review of generic drugs	
64	Enact Medical Liability Reform	
64	Enact Asbestos Litigation Reform	
68	Pass Legislation to strengthen the US Patent & Trademark Office by reducing the delay of time for issuing patents and protecting intellectual property	
69	Strengthen partnerships to promote manufacturing technology transfer to ensure broad diffusion of technology, particularly to small and medium sized manufacturers	
69	Ensure critical infrastructure that enables standards development organizations in the US to establish needed security standards for industrial control systems	
70	Promote standards to better protect industrial control systems through communication among the federal agencies and rapid transfer of research advances to the private sector	
72	Undertake a benchmark analysis of the existing skills of the U.S. workforce and future needs of the manufacturing sector for educational programmatic changes at the federal level and curricula at the local level	
73	Pass legislation creating Personal Reemployment Accounts to assist Americans who need the most help getting back to work	
74	Review the existing worker adjustment programs and provide recommendations for their integration into a coordinated approach to adjustment, reemployment and retraining	
74	Pass legislation to strengthen the Workforce Investment Act	
75	Encourage growth and development of foreign capital markets by promoting market based prices and interest rates and the phase out of subsidies and direct lending	
76	Negotiate liberalization of markets by expanding the existing prohibitions on a broader range of subsidies and strengthening rules against government financing of the private sector	
76	Enhance the effectiveness of trade enforcement tools	
76	Create stronger mechanisms for countering trade practices that are not subject to trade disciplines	
79	Support the passage of a revised Export Administration Act	