

## Media Alert:

### Sculpteo Releases Global Study on The State of 3D Printing 2017

Each year Sculpteo collects data about the additive manufacturing industry to highlight key trends in this dynamic and rapidly evolving industry. Nearly 1,000 respondents participated in the study from 62 different countries—10 countries more than last year. Respondents come from diverse industry segments including Consumer, Industrial, High Tech, Services and Healthcare.

Key takeaways include:

Spending on 3D Printing continues to rise: Average budgets for 3D printing technology and services have increased on average to \$9,504 in 2017 compared to \$6,132 in 2016 and \$3,736 in 2015.

Strong connection between 3D Printing and product development: Prototyping (34%) and Proof of Concept (23%) are the main current applications, while future applications include, Accelerating Product Development (28%) and Offering Customized Products (16%).

Metal 3D Printing solving wide range of business objectives: The top reasons respondents are adopting metal include: Cost Reduction (11%), Small Batch Production (9%) and executing Complex Designs (9%).

This year's edition includes unmatched insights and data on:

- >Growth and maturity of the 3D Printing industry
- >Strong connections between 3D Printing and product development
- >Trends in material adoption and usage
- >Deep dive focus on Metal 3D Printing
- >Technical skills within 3D printing organizations
- >How Europe and US differ in use and adoption
- >Year-Over-Year comparisons
- >Top priorities and predictions
- >Comprehensive industry sector insights and trends

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