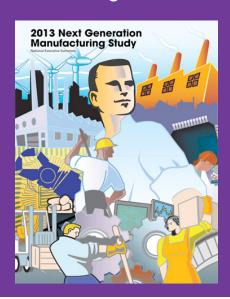
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A key step in any manufacturing improvement initiative is to benchmark and compare performances. The Next Generation Manufacturing (NGM) Study provides these benchmarks — and the **NGM Assessment Tool** offers quick and free access to MEPs, associations, and manufacturers interested in comparing their performances to others across the United States.

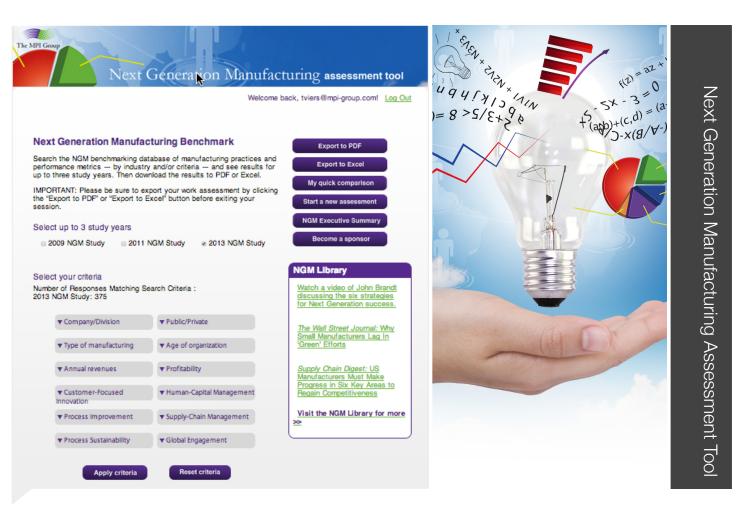
Based on the six NGM strategies, the tool allows manufacturers to track their progress toward world-class status. Strategies measured include:

- Customer-focused innovation: Develop, make, and market new products and services that meet customers' needs at a pace faster than the competition.
- Human capital management: Secure a competitive performance advantage by having superior systems in place to recruit, hire, develop, and retain talent.
- Superior processes/improvement focus: Record annual productivity and quality gains that exceed the competition through a companywide commitment to continuous improvement.
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The NGM Assessment Tool measures strategic benchmarks in key areas of your business, including: HR, supply-chain management, sustainability, process improvement, innovation, and global engagement.

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- It's a great foundation for strategic planning.
- It's available online, free of charge, 24/7/365.
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- You can share valuable insights with your team.
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