

Press Release

AEC as Meltio's Official Sales Partner to Boost Growth in the US Metal Additive Manufacturing Market



Greer, South Carolina and Linares, Spain - [February, 17th, 2026]. [AEC](#), and [Meltio](#); a disruptive laser metal deposition technology manufacturer, announced today that AEC has been appointed as an official sales and integration partner of Meltio in the United States, playing a key role in the distribution, system integration, and support of Meltio's metal additive manufacturing solutions across the U.S. market.

Meltio offers a pioneering metal 3D printing solution that enables industrial applications through a process built around welding wire, the safest, cleanest, and most affordable metal feedstock on the market.

As both a sales partner and systems integrator, AEC will focus on building a strong industrial ecosystem for Meltio's technology in the U.S., driving business opportunities in collaboration with technology centers, machine tool builders, robotic integrators, academic institutions, and industrial customers. This approach ensures that Meltio's solutions are effectively integrated into automated and production-ready manufacturing environments.

AEC is excited to partner with Meltio to bring next-generation metal additive manufacturing capabilities to their customers. *"By combining AEC's deep experience in advanced robotic welding and turnkey automation systems with Meltio's blue-laser, wire-fed metal 3D printing technology, we can deliver practical, production-ready additive solutions. This welding-wire-based process gives manufacturers a safer, cleaner, and more cost-effective path to high-deposition, near-net-shape production, repair, and hybrid manufacturing. It's a strong fit with our mission to engineer real-world solutions that improve performance, flexibility, and ROI for our customers."* said Bobby Larmer, CEO of AEC.

From Meltio's perspective, the partnership with AEC represents a strategic step in expanding its presence in the U.S. market. Meltio technology is already deployed in industrial environments across the country, supporting production for a range of manufacturers in demanding sectors, including oil & gas, energy, and heavy industry. These deployments demonstrate how wire-laser metal additive manufacturing delivers reliable, scalable, and production-ready results, helping manufacturers reduce lead times, optimize material usage, and increase overall operational efficiency in challenging industrial settings.

"Manufacturers today, particularly in challenging industrial sectors like oil & gas, require additive solutions that are reliable, scalable, and ready for production," said Gabriel Ortiz, America's Channel Manager at Meltio. *"Meltio's wire-laser metal 3D printing system delivers efficiency, flexibility, and operational performance in real-world industrial environments. Partnering with AEC ensures we can extend these benefits to more U.S. manufacturers, helping them optimize processes, reduce costs, and implement production-ready additive manufacturing solutions across diverse sectors."*

About AEC:

For over 45 years, Automation Engineering Company (AEC) has been a trusted machine builder and automation integrator for the world's leading manufacturers. We design and deliver custom industrial automation, material handling, and conveyance systems that improve productivity, enhance quality, and solve complex manufacturing challenges. With deep expertise in manufacturing, engineering, fabrication, integration, robotics, additive processes, and controls, our team provides end-to-end solutions, from concept development and process validation through system build, commissioning, and long-term lifecycle support.

Headquartered in South Carolina's transportation hub with direct access to major interstate highways, GSP Airport, and the Inland Port, and with a footprint in the Houston, Texas area, AEC is positioned to support customers efficiently across North America and beyond.

About Meltio:

Meltio takes metal additive manufacturing to the next level by developing high-performance, affordable, and easy-to-use metal 3D printing solutions using wire-laser metal deposition technology. The company's mission is to delight customers, partners, and employees by pioneering the development of affordable metal 3D printing systems that are reliable, safe, and powerful, continually reinforcing their status as disruptors.

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