



# The World Nuclear Supply Chain – An Overview

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# 1. About WNA

**180 member companies**

- **Utilities**
- **Technology Vendors**
- **Original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)**
- **Professional services**

**Providing Public Information and News**

**Nuclear Fuel Market and Supply Chain**

**Enabling Industry Contacts and Cooperation**

**Representation in Key International Forums**



# International Technology Vendors



# WNA Supply Chain Working Group

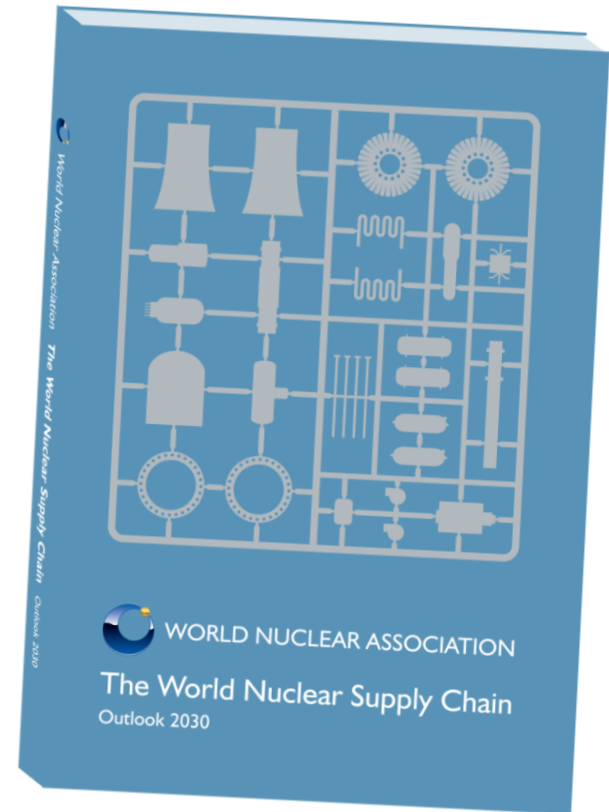
- Working Group was set up in 2010
- Tasks:
  - Maintain updated information on planned NPP construction;
  - Determine the market potential for key components;
  - Assemble a database of leading companies worldwide;
  - Identify possible “pinch points/ bottlenecks” in supply;
  - Develop ways to improve product qualification practices;
  - Issue a periodic Market Report that consolidates supply chain information.
- Task Force for Vendor Oversight and Control of Suppliers (VOCS):  
Develop a framework for a **common process of supplier approval, oversight and quality control** that enhances industry efficiency and effectiveness in meeting regulatory requirements and promotes the public good through continual enhancement of the safety and security of nuclear installations.

# Nuclear Supply Chain Market Report

Aims to provide the industry, energy suppliers, the investment community and policy-makers with:

- An up-to-date picture of planned and on-going NPP construction;
- An analysis of the worldwide market for components;
- An analysis of supplier capacity;
- A review of trends in the market;
- A look at how the industry is addressing the challenges in the market;
- Recommendations for harmonization and standards.

Complements the WNA's Nuclear Fuel Market Report



## 2. Value of Nuclear Construction to 2030

- **295 new NPPs are under construction or planned**
- 50 in OECD countries
- 118 in China
- 42 in Former Soviet Union
- 21 in India

**Total Value of Planned Build\***  
**US\$ 1,232 billion**

**Estimated Value of International Procurement**  
**US\$ 575 billion**

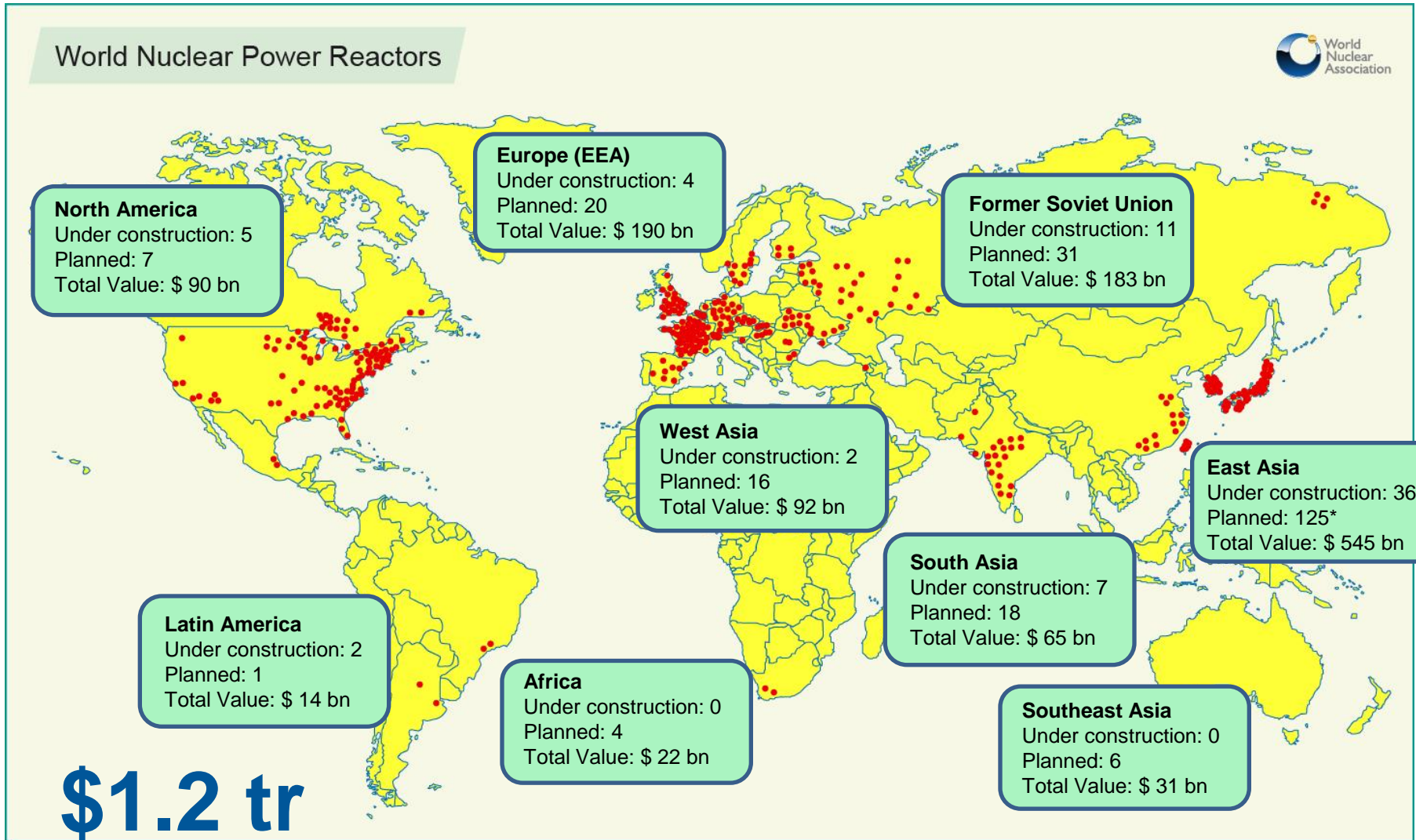
- Reactors currently under construction in China, India, UAE, USA, etc. have an aggregate project value of approx. US\$ 232 billion.
- International procurement is worth approx. US\$ 26 billion a year.
- Nuclear investment is a small proportion of the US\$ 14-17 trillion needed for clean power (Goldman Sachs estimate) to stabilize CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



# Market Size – New Build

## Under Construction + Planned to 2030

### World Nuclear Power Reactors

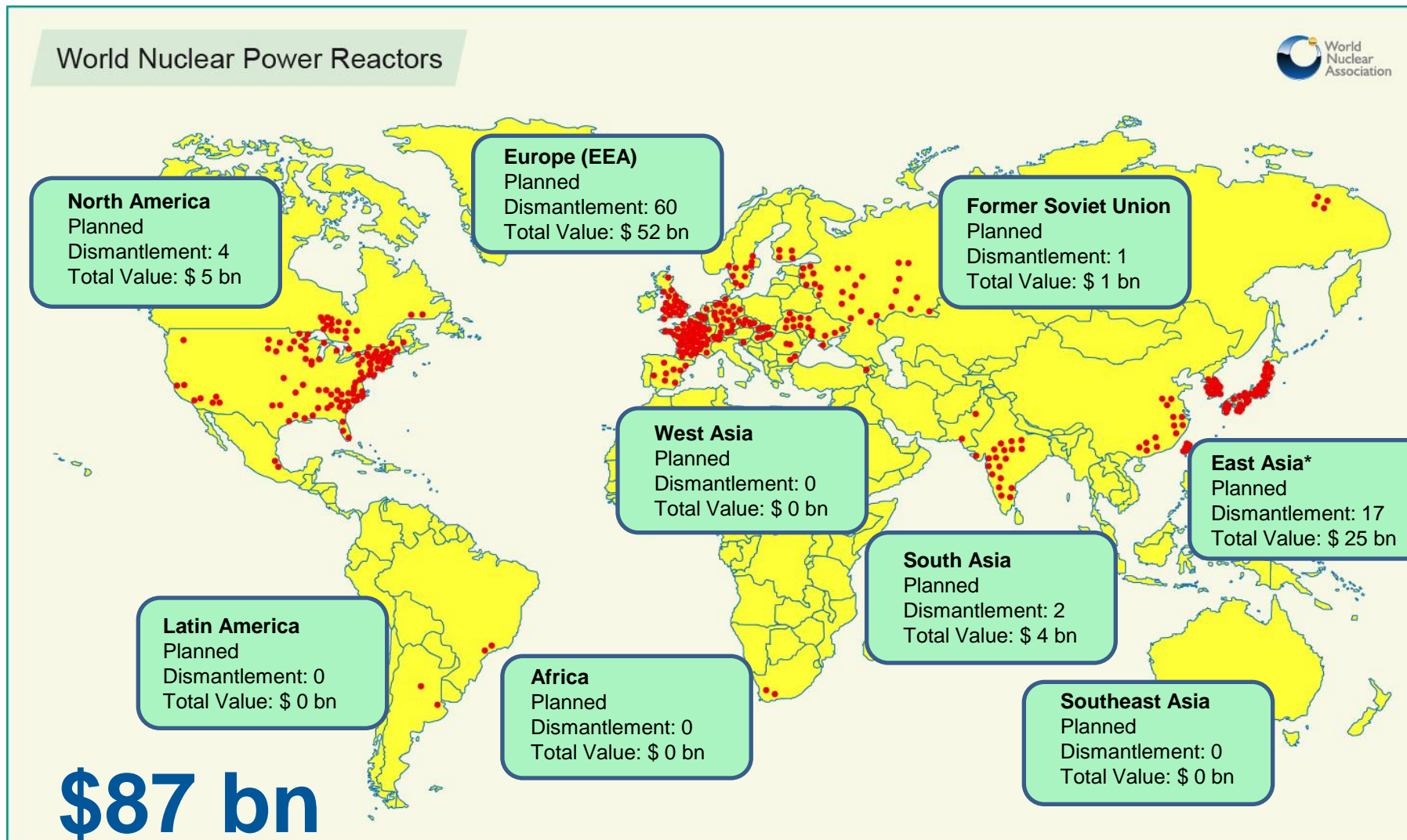


\* WNA Reference Case



# Market Size - Decommissioning

## Planned to be under dismantlement by 2030



\* 75% in Japan

# Revenues from Nuclear Energy

US\$ Billion

*Output & revenues from nuclear power plants, 2010-2030*

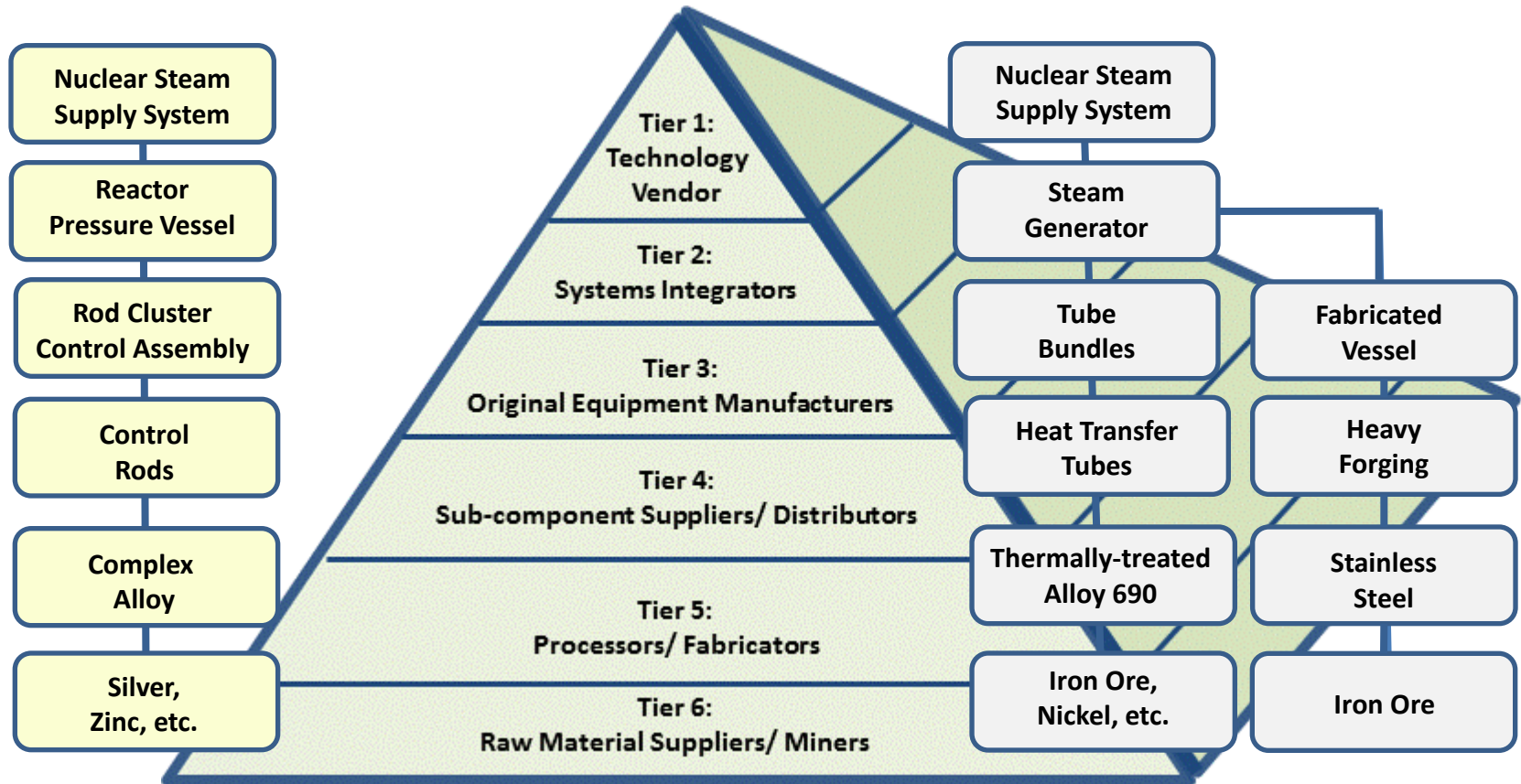
		2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
<b>OECD</b>	Output from NPPs (TWh)	2 192	2 092	2 228	2 262	2 357
	Revenues (US\$ billion)	284.4	274.6	290.0	297.0	317.1
<b>Non-OECD</b>	Output from NPPs (TWh)	436	737	1 005	1 440	1 936
	Revenues (US\$ billion)	41.2	56.7	82.4	121.4	164.7
<b>World</b>	Output from NPPs (TWh)	2 628	2 829	3 233	3 702	4 293
	Revenues (US\$ billion)	325.6	331.3	372.4	418.4	481.8

Source: WNA estimates based on Reference case.

- WNA anticipate revenues from nuclear power plants to grow at approx. 2% a year in real terms.
- Capital expenditure at US\$ 26 billion a year is 6-8% of annual nuclear revenues or <1% of all annual electricity sales worldwide.
- In general, nuclear investment appears feasible, but ...

# 3. The Nuclear Supply Chain

All tiers need to be qualified to high standards



# Components: What is needed

- Typical amounts for a Generation III

## Nuclear Power Plant:

- Basemat concrete (6 000 m<sup>3</sup>)
  - Steel (61 000 t)
  - Forgings (4 000 t)
  - Pumps (~ 200)
  - Valves (5 000+)
  - Piping (~210 km)
  - Cabling (2 000 km+)
  - Welding seams (50 000+)
- Exceptional quality required from ‘nuclear-grade’ components (higher than normal ‘industrial or commercial grade’):
    - Safety-related items – performance testing required
    - Safety-significant items – reasonable assurance of performance required
  - Engineering: civil, mechanical, electrical, software

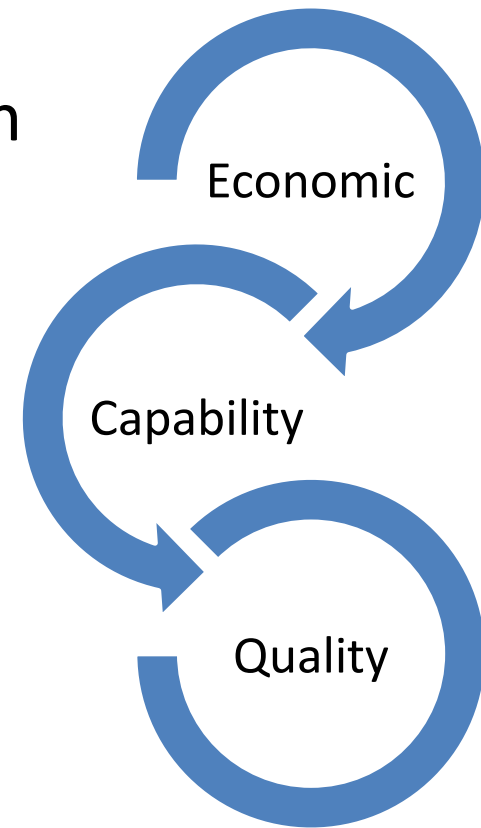




# 4. Three Industry Challenges

How can nuclear power stay competitive?

- Ensuring that the economics of nuclear power are competitive with other generating sources:
  - **Economic challenges**
- Developing reliable international supply chains:
  - **Capability challenges**
  - **Quality challenges**
- Challenges are inter-related



# First-of-a-Kind Premium

The extra cost of a First-of-a-kind (FOAK) plant arises from the following factors:

- **Poor economies of scale**; with multiple orders manufacturers can offer bulk discounts;
- **Additional construction costs** reflecting the 'learning curve';
- A risk premium, reflecting the **contingency element** built into component and plant prices;
- A **profit element** that takes account that there may not be any follow-up orders.

The FOAK premium may account for 10-40 % of the price of the first plant built.

Conclusion: Build a **series of standard plants** that can take advantage of **global supply capacity**.

# Addressing the Capability Challenge

Develop the supply base:

- Clarify requirements to create joint understanding, e.g.
  - on safety culture,
  - on quality management, and
  - through the product realization process;
- Facilitate knowledge transfer;
- Build upon the existing capabilities of the workforce.



# Addressing the Quality Challenge: Examples from other industries

“Industries where safety and quality are shared goals” (PRI)

- NADCAP – formerly the National Aerospace & Defence Contractors Accreditation Program
- SAE AS-9100 standard for aerospace
- TPG – Transportation & Power Generation Accreditation Program (with GE Transportation)





# Addressing the quality challenges: Nuclear Industry Initiatives

- Nuclear Quality Standard Association (NQSA) – established in 2011 by AREVA and Bureau Veritas
  - NSQ-100
- Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC) – established 1989 by US operators



**Which quality standard for the nuclear industry?**

WNA Meeting, April 2013

**NUPIC**



# Potential Solutions

Strengthen product realization/ conformity assessment processes along the supply chain:

- **Quality assurance** (QA): focus on an organization's quality management system (QMS), e.g.
  - IAEA GSR Part 2 (revision of GS-R-3: 2006) requirements on leadership & management for safety – “safety culture”
  - ASME **NQA-1: 2008** (links to US Federal Code 10 CFR 50 Appendix B)
  - ISO 9001: 2008 + **NSQ-100: 2011** (promoted by NQSA)
- **Quality control** (QC): focus on the product or process of production.
  - Industry consensus on “critical manufacturing processes” (aka “special processes”)
  - Oversight (surveillance) of critical manufacturing processes
  - Advanced product quality planning
  - Reducing non-conformances
  - Learning from each other

VOCS Discussions  
since January 2013

# Next Steps

- Deepen our understanding of the gaps in product realization
- Collaboration with NQSA (Nuclear Quality Standard Association) on developing the NSQ-100 quality management standard
- Pilot audits with suppliers to develop a common consistent audit checklist and guidance linked to NSQ-100
- Scoping out an industry-managed of supplier oversight & quality control:
  - ‘Global NUPIC’?
  - ‘Nuclear NADCAP’?

N.B. The Task Force does not expect ASME NQA-1 standard to be superseded where this is the relevant standard

# World Nuclear Association



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