

# **STEM SUMMIT IV**

## ***Reshoring Florida's Prosperity***

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Building the Skilled Workforce that Fuels  
Florida's High Tech Job Growth



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96% of college and university chief academic officers believe their institutions are effectively preparing students for the workforce; only 11% of business leaders strongly agree. The agile, fast-pace of high-tech industry has outpaced available skilled talent. This misalignment is the skills gap.

Florida's economic growth has pushed past its historic agricultural, tourism, and construction sectors. In the next 10 years 30% of job employment will be in STEM industries. STEM employment opportunities grew 80% in the last 15 years. The NSF projects a 3.4 million shortage of skilled STEM workers in the next 10 years. Workforce development is the single most important issue to economic prosperity.

STEM Summits I and II defined Florida skills gaps, STEM Summit III created a roadmap to success. The recent pandemic disruption has companies, investors and entrepreneurs rethinking their strategy. They are reimagining what production lines, supply chains, and manufacturing will look like after being reshored. To take advantage of this growth, our single most important issue is talent supply.

STEM Summit IV will prepare for Florida's economic success... business, education, and policymakers must all work together to create a skilled workforce that competes in a global economy. Find out about the best practices, innovative technical training programs already in place, policy trends that accelerate the creation of a skilled workforce. Hear directly from the target job sectors that will inspire Florida's next generation of economic growth. STEM Summit IV leads the charge to increase essential STEM learning; to increase exposure and create competency in local industry's needed skills and stimulate student choices to become part of the workforce pipeline.

The risk of inaction is high. Every loss from the pipeline is an opportunity. Join us at the Summit. We will address removing barriers, increasing the variety of STEM learning opportunities, engaging underrepresented populations, increasing STEM-trained faculty, and add financial resources to solutions. Join us in our commitment to build a strong Florida.

*STEM Summit IV: a clear path to Florida's STEM Success*



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