



EPISODE 32: SHOW NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS

In this episode, Mike interviews three guests: Clay Nagle, Deputy Director and Senior Manager at Global Foundries, Dr. Bob Geer, Senior Vice President and COO at [SUNY Polytechnic Institute](#), and Robert Weinman, Director of Workforce Innovation, at the National Institute for Innovation and Technology. They discussed the need for skilled technicians in an important advanced manufacturing sector for semiconductors as seen in this [10-minute video](#) introducing their production at Global Foundries.

Our guests stressed the importance of deepening industry education partnerships through signaling the workforce, community, and ecosystem about the types of jobs available and skills needed. The [National Institute for Innovation and Technology](#) was created in part to foster employer and education interaction, with a primary focus on developing the talent pipeline. To learn more about this initiative you may contact Robert Weinman, Director of Workforce Innovation at NIIT, rweinman@niit-usa.org.

Your action item is to investigate ways you can encourage employer-educator engagement. Just Google “employer engagement” and you will find many examples of successful strategies for replication.