



## High Impact Technology Exchange Conference

### *Educating America's Technical Workforce*

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**Title:** Session B5: Pre-Employment Programs

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, July 22, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Fairmont Scottsdale Resort, Salon B

**Description:** Academic and workforce development units of St. Louis Community College and local industry partner to meet the workforce needs through pre-employment training programs. Our SMAR program prepares people for entry into technical jobs in the aerospace industry. The pre-apprentice Linemen program prepares individuals for the hiring process at the region's electric utility. The participants in these programs are given a chance to enter high paying, challenging careers. These partnerships provide the companies a hiring pool of well-prepared skilled workers. This first part of this session will explore the benefits of this type of partnership for employees, employers and community colleges.

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