

The National Network of Business and Industry Associations

(the National Network) launched in late 2013 with the mission to improve economic opportunity and quality of life for Americans by better connecting the working world and the learning world. The National Network is pioneering this new movement to eliminate the divide between “school” and “work” and extend clear pathways to and from learning opportunities and good jobs.

The National Network includes leaders in manufacturing, retail, professional and business real estate, health care, energy, construction, hospitality, transportation and information technology sectors, which represent the source of nearly 75 percent of projected job growth by 2020 (an estimated 30 million new jobs). These leaders are united in their commitment to help individuals understand and gain the skills they need to enter into and advance in the jobs of today and tomorrow. This unprecedented collaboration of typically competitive industries signals a commitment to support a better prepared and more fulfilled workforce.

The National Network is led by a collaborative partnership of Business Roundtable and ACT Foundation, with support from The Joyce Foundation, Lumina Foundation and Walmart Foundation. Its three-point plan to connect learning to successful careers and lives includes:

1. Identifying competencies and promoting credentials that lead to work;
2. Creating more work-and-learn opportunities across the economy; and
3. Encouraging more employers to use competency-based hiring practices.

For more information, visit www.NationalNetwork.org

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Inaugural Members:

Aerospace Industries Association
American Health Information Management Association Foundation
American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute
American Land Title Association (ALTA) and ALTA's Land Title Institute
American Moving & Storage Association
APICS
American Public Transportation Association
American Welding Society
Center for Energy Workforce Development
CompTIA
Food Marketing Institute
Home Builders Institute
Interstate Renewable Energy Council
The Manufacturing Institute
The Manufacturing Skill Standards Council
National Apartment Association Education Institute
National Center for Construction Education and Research
National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence
National Institute for Metalworking Skills
National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
National Retail Federation Foundation
Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute
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