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# MSSC: Closing the Skills Gap in Texas in the Manufacturing and Logistics Sectors

## *Virtual Summit Agenda*

**August 20, 2020**

**8 AM-5 PM CT**

8:00 am

### Opening Plenary Session

*The Opening Session will set the stage for the Conference, featuring Leo Reddy, Founder and Chairman of MSSC, focused on the megatrends driving change; Wes Jurey, Immediate Past Chairman of the Texas Workforce Investment Council, who will frame the Conference Agenda relative to its alignment with the Strategic Plan for the state's workforce system; Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor, Houston Community College who will discuss the College's use of Industry certifications within a holistic approach; and US Senator John Cornyn to discuss the First Step Act.*

**Moderator, Wes Jurey**, Immediate Past Chairman, Texas Workforce Investment Council and Senior Advisor, MSSC

**Leo Reddy**, MSSC Chairman of the Board

**Cesar Maldonado**, Ph.D, P.E., PMP, Chancellor, Houston Community College

**US Senator John Cornyn** (Invited)

9:15 am

### Workforce Panel Session

*Ensuring our workforce has the skills and competencies necessary in today's workplace is one of the most critical issues we face. The Workforce Panelists, representing federal, state and local workforce Agencies & Boards, will focus on their perspective of the role of the public workforce system in closing the skills gap, in particular, the use of nationally recognized industry certifications; and their focus on alignment and integration of resources with other agencies.*

#### **Federal**

- **Moderator, Dudley Light**, Regional Apprenticeship Director, US Department of Labor

#### **State**

- **Julian Alvarez**, Labor Commissioner, Texas Workforce Commission

#### **Regional**

- **Michael Temple**, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Workforce Board
- **David Setzer**, Executive Director, North Central Texas Workforce Board
- **Gary Allen**, Manager, Economic Development, Workforce Solutions East Texas Board

10:30 am

### Education Panel Session

*Education is rapidly changing, driven by the need to pivot to new methods and techniques. The Education Panelists, representing federal, state and local public and higher education agencies and institutions, will focus on the changing role of their organizations; the expanded role of distance learning; and the need to address the skills gap utilizing nationally recognized industry certifications and remote testing capabilities. They will also discuss how to best influence the evolution of the role their agencies are playing.*

#### Federal

- **Moderator, Scott Stump**, Assistant Secretary, US Department of Education

#### State

- **Dr. Stacey Silverman**, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality & Workforce, Texas Higher Education Coordination Board
- **Garry Tomerlin**, Former Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Workforce, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

#### Regional

- **Mark Hays**, Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development, Dallas County
- **Daphne Rickard**, Executive Director, CTE, Fort Worth ISD

11:45 am

### MSSC Use of Advanced Technology

*The Technology Panelists will focus on MSSC's use of advanced technologies including online assessments in response to COVID-19, addition of "Industry 4.0" technologies, and development of innovative "Skill Boss" hands-on training and testing devices.*

- **Moderator, Neil Reddy**, CEO, MSSC
- **William Bonvillian**, MIT, Author, "Advanced Manufacturing"
- **Tristian Kanwar**, Vice President, Supply Chain Strategy, Rockwell Automation

12:15 pm

### SPECIAL EVENT – Public Launch of New MSSC Certified Technician-Supply Chain Automation (CT-SCA) Certification

*This event will include the background behind CT-SCA, a description of the three certifications within this new program, and a live demonstration of the Skill Boss-Logistics device presented by the inventor Paul Perkins, President, Amatrol Inc., the nation's leading manufacturer of industrial technician training equipment.*

- **Michael Mikitka**, CAE, Executive Vice President, MHI Knowledge Center
- **Steve Harrington**, Industry Liaison, National Center for Supply Chain Automation
- **Neil Reddy**, CEO, MSSC
- **Paul Perkins**, President, Amatrol

1:00 pm

### Business Panel Session

*The fundamental driver of the economy at all levels is dependent upon the success of business and industry generating wealth from the products and commodities they make and sell. Vital to their success is a trained workforce. The Business Panelists, representing state and regional business associations and major employers, will discuss the role business, and the associations that represent business, can and should play in providing leadership, information and resources to close the skills gap, utilizing nationally recognized industry certifications.*

#### State Business Associations

- **Moderator, Tony Bennett**, President & CEO, Texas Association of Manufacturers
- **Carlton Schwab**, President & CEO, Texas Economic Development Council

#### Regional Business Associations

- **Peter Beard**, Senior Vice President, Workforce, Greater Houston Partnership
- **Damien Garza**, President & CEO, Greater Houston Manufacturers Association

#### Employers

- **Michael Packer**, Director of Manufacturing, Advanced Production Programs, Lockheed Martin Skunk Works
- **Mary Batch**, Talent Management Manager, Toyota Motor Production, and Workforce Solutions Alamo Executive Board Member
- **Eric Batten**, Texas Instruments

2:15 pm

### Justice Panel Session

*Today nearly 1 in 3 working age adults in America have a record. Assimilating them into their communities upon release is a critical workforce issue as well as a community and societal issue. The Justice Panelists, representing correctional facilities, both privately managed and state operated; law enforcement, and Correctional Training Institutes, will discuss the challenges they face in a rapidly evolving time for our nations justice system and legal reform, and their use of nationally recognized industry certifications.*

#### State

- **Moderator, Michael Bell**, Vice President, Region III Corrections - Management & Training Corporation
- **Kristina Hartman**, Superintendent, Windham School District, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- **Doug Dretke**, Executive Director, Correctional Management Institute of Texas

#### Regional

- **Sheriff Ed Gonzalez**, Harris County Sheriff's Office

3:30 pm

### Veterans Panel Session

*Today's military personnel often return from service having stood in harm's way a significant portion of their career. Our effectiveness in assisting their reentry is important to our nation. The Veterans Panelists, representing national, state and regional agencies, associations and nonprofits who all serve Veterans, will discuss the challenges they face in serving veterans; their perspective on the challenges veterans face on reentering the civilian world; and their views on how the use of nationally recognized industry certifications can more effectively serve the needs of veterans as they reenter their communities.*

#### State

- **Moderator, Ray Wilburn**, Regional Director, Texas Veterans Commission

#### Regional

- **John Boerstler**, CEO, Combined Arms
- **Marcelo Uriegas**, CEO, American GI Forum

#### National Association of Manufacturers

- **Babs Chase**, Vice President, The Manufacturing Institute, National Association of Manufacturers. "Heroes Make America" program
- **Marvin Branch**, The Manufacturing Institute, Program Manager for "Heroes Make America," program, Fort Hood, Texas

5:00 pm

### Closing Remarks

Leo Reddy will close the summit, summarizing the key findings and recommendations that will be incorporated into a white paper to be distributed to all participants.