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STATE OF MANUFACTURING

2019 MEP NATIONAL NETWORK™ SUMMIT | SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2019 | ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The 2019 MEP National Network™ Summit will be a defining event for knowledge sharing and skill development. Over the course of three days, the Summit will bring together MEP Centers and NIST MEP, along with key partners, stakeholders and industry thought leaders to discuss current trends and how to better serve U.S. manufacturers.

Through breakout sessions, insightful keynote speakers, plenary sessions and panel discussions—with plenty of time for informal networking—the Summit will provide a platform to connect with peers and strengthen the MEP National Network.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING



Strengthen the Network

Develop shared approaches that can advance the Network and the wider manufacturing ecosystem



Find solutions to top challenges

Join together to solve business problems, improve business models, and enhance or create effective service solutions



Learn from your peers

With 500 Network representatives expected to attend, attendees will have the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with industry experts from across the country

SESSION TRACKS

UNITED

Uniting with our partners and ecosystems

- Explore how other MEP Centers in the Network leverage partnerships to connect manufacturers to the resources they need
- Learn how the Network is advancing national integration, multi-state initiatives, and brand awareness
- Gain access to expertise and resources from exhibitors and sponsors who support the MEP mission

STATE

Celebrating the current state of services and knowledge sharing

- Connect with hundreds of other trusted advisors and experts from around the country
- Share distinctive and replicable practices to increase excellence
- Learn from your colleagues around the country who have faced similar challenges in their own regions

MANUFACTURING

Identifying the latest manufacturing technology and trends

- Gather information on the latest manufacturing technology trends - including Industry 4.0
- Hear from keynote speakers who will provide insights on broader trends in technology, collaborative innovation, future planning, and workforce development

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

NIST MEP has secured dynamic speakers to provide Summit attendees useful knowledge and practical insights that can be applied to daily work with manufacturing clients. Confirmed speakers include:



GREG SATELL

Author, speaker, and adviser, [Greg Satell's](#) most recent book is *Cascades: How to Create a Movement that Drives Transformational Change*. He was included on [Innovation Excellence's list of Top 40 Innovation Bloggers](#). [IDG heralded Satell as one of the "10 Digital Transformation Influencers to Follow Today."](#)



DAVID BEURLE

As founder and CEO of [Future iQ](#), David is an expert in creating future planning approaches for use in regional, industry and organizational settings. He has pioneered the application of scenario planning and has worked in organizational and regional economic and community development around the world for more than 20 years.



DR. LONNIE JOHNSON

Inventor and engineer Dr. Lonnie Johnson holds more than 100 patents, the most popular of which is the Super Soaker water gun. Dr. Johnson analyzed nuclear-powered space systems for the U.S. Air Force, and helped develop at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory some of the nation's most advanced technological achievements including the Galileo mission to Jupiter, the Mars Observer Project, the Cassini Mission to Saturn, and the Stealth Bomber. Today [his companies](#) are developing such innovations as ceramic solid-state and lithium-air batteries, and [converting heat directly into electricity](#).



REBEKAH KOWALSKI

Rebekah Kowalski is the vice president of Manpower Manufacturing and is responsible for [ManpowerGroup North America's](#) Manufacturing Sector Strategy, developing talent solutions for the rapidly transforming industry. Rebekah focuses on developing solutions that help organizations and leaders deal with the implications of both the shortage of rightly skilled workers, and the evolution of roles and skills. Rebekah led the team that worked with MxD to identify how roles and skills will evolve as manufacturing transforms with the introduction of more digital technologies.



DR. RON ROSS

Ron Ross is a Fellow at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. His focus areas include cybersecurity, systems security engineering, and risk management. Dr. Ross leads the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) Implementation Project, which includes the development of security standards and guidelines for the federal government, contractors, and the United States critical infrastructure.

ABOUT THE MEP NATIONAL NETWORK

The MEP National Network is a unique public-private partnership that delivers comprehensive, proven solutions to U.S. manufacturers, fueling growth and advancing U.S. manufacturing.