

The Arizona Advanced Technologies Corridor

- 130 Miles
- 1,300 Manufacturers
- 50,000 Jobs
- 3 Community Colleges
- 1 ground-breaking, industry-driven workforce initiative

Within a 130-mile corridor along Interstate 10 between Tucson and Phoenix is an organically developing cluster of manufacturing establishments that provide high-value jobs to thousands of Arizonans. More than 80% of all Arizona's manufacturing jobs are in this region.



Region's top manufacturing industries:

| Industry | 2017 Jobs | Earnings/Job |
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| Aerospace Product and Parts | 24,550 | \$126,692 |
| Semiconductor and Electronic Components | 19,089 | \$159,515 |
| Architectural and Structural Metals | 7,071 | \$58,160 |
| Printing and Related Support Activities | 5,469 | \$53,653 |

Industry leaders from across the project area were convened in the first *Advanced Manufacturing Skills Summit* in Casa Grande. These employers weighed in on the human capital challenges facing Arizona manufacturers, and their input formed the foundation for the Advanced Manufacturing Corridor project.

Three community colleges, at the behest of the Governor's new Office of Economic Opportunity, committed themselves to development of a common advanced manufacturing curriculum, aligned with nationally-recognized industry standards and mapped to a new Production Arts degree program. This curriculum serves as the linchpin for a new regional approach to meeting the needs of the region's advanced manufacturing sector.

Manufacturers who are looking for a new home or a location for their next production facility will find in Southeastern Arizona a region that is committed not only to low taxes and a business-friendly environment, but also to developing the next generation of manufacturing talent to support the industry's growth for decades to come.

Goals for the project include:

- New certificate and degree programs in Production Arts
- Standardized, current training equipment to ensure a uniform experience that mirrors industry realities
- A robust scholarship program
- A regional marketing & outreach campaign to encourage enrollment

Dawn Grove, Chair of the Workforce Arizona Council

"The Council endorses the Arizona Advanced Technologies Corridor and applauds the collaborative work of the community college districts...in developing advanced manufacturing curricula that prepares talent to meet the challenges of tomorrow."