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## 10:30 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Jack Barry, Ph.D.**, *Academic Director, UConn YSEALI (U.S. State Department program administered by Global Training and Development Institute, Office of Global Affairs)*

## 10:40 AM OPENING REMARKS – “TRENDS IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING (AUTOMATION, ROBOTICS, & AI): THE NEXUS OF THE SKILLS GAP”

**Hadi Bozorgmanesh, Ph.D.**, *Executive Director of Enterprise Solution Center; Associate Director, Werth Institute; Board of Directors, CTNext; former Chairman, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Europe Ltd*

## 10:50 AM PANEL DISCUSSION

Panelists will discuss this recent phenomenon from a variety of perspectives (education, private sector, workforce development), and share insights on how the Connecticut workforce development ecosystem is developing innovative public-private educational/training solutions to close the skills gap.

**Mark Hill**, *Chief Operating Officer, Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board; Founder, Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative*

**Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Ph.D.**, *President Emeritus and Talent Development, Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance; Advisory Board Member of Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative*

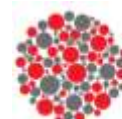
**Mary Bidwell**, *Interim Dean of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Asnuntuck & Tunxis Community Colleges*

**Kathy Saint**, *President, Schwerdtle Inc.; Member, UConn MSE Industrial Advisory Board; President, Manufacturers Education and Training Alliance*

**Cliff Thermer, Ed.D.**, *Assistant Vice President for Strategy and Business Development and Dean of Business, Management, and Advanced Manufacturing/ Economic and Strategic Development, Goodwin College*

**Moderator: Jack Barry, Ph.D.**, *Academic Director, UConn YSEALI Program (Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative, a U.S. State Department funded grant program)*

## 11:45 AM AUDIENCE Q & A WITH PANELISTS



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