

# Webinar: Future-proof Your Workforce

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The National Association of Manufacturers estimates that manufacturers have 365,000 unfilled jobs now and will need to fill 3.5 million jobs in the next 7 years. In addition to traditional assembly line jobs, the manufacturing industry is moving rapidly toward jobs with irreplaceable human skills, such as creativity, ingenuity, and critical thinking.

To stay competitive, manufacturers need to quickly accommodate the new expectations of this shifting workplace environment. New job opportunities bring new ways of working. Your current and future employees require an expanded toolset to be productive contributors as soon as they step in the door and advance within your organization.

Successful manufacturers have found ways to increase productivity while proving they are exciting, innovative, and rewarding places to work. Join this webinar for a discussion that will help you future-proof your workforce and:

- Understand the impact that the changing workforce is having on manufacturers today.
- Learn how to maximize productivity amongst your employees and use your existing workforce to its fullest potential.
- Identify how technology can play an integral role in the recruiting, retaining, and effective scheduling of the new generation of workers.

## Speakers

 **Gardner Carrick, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, The Manufacturing Institute at the National Association of Manufacturers**

Gardner Carrick is the Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for The Manufacturing Institute at the National Association of Manufacturers. Mr. Carrick leads the Institute's workforce portfolio and is currently working on a new industry-

recognized apprenticeship system to change how manufacturers and schools partner to prepare the workforce. He is also leading the development of a national education data system that will integrate education, certification, and labor market data to deliver outcome information on education programs. Previously, Mr. Carrick led the Institute's research activities including partnerships with internationally recognized consulting firms and the Institute's military-to-manufacturing program. Prior to joining the Institute, he worked at the U.S Department of Labor.

 **Nick Castellina is Director of Industry and Solution Strategy, Infor**

Nick Castellina is Director of Industry and Solution strategy at Infor where he is responsible for marketing messaging and strategic direction in the discrete manufacturing industries. Nick interacts with end users to understand their challenges and connects with product management and marketing to support Infor's commitment to delivering focused solutions featuring industry best practices. Prior to Infor, Nick was Vice President and Research Group Director of the Aberdeen Group's Business Planning and Execution research practice. There he worked with software vendors and end users to analyze trends and produce industry-leading content in topics related to Enterprise Resource Planning, Enterprise Performance Management, Project Portfolio Management, and Business Process Management.

 **Jim Perry, Director, Enterprise Performance Management Practice, Infor**

Jim Perry is a Director in the Performance Management practice at Infor. Jim lectures extensively on best practices in Big Data and digital transformation and is a recognized thought leader in the space. He holds an MBA Finance from Rutgers Business School, has a graduate certificate in Data Science from MIT, and is a registered Six-Sigma Black Belt.



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# **Webinar: The Best Kept Secret for Boosting Workforce Engagement and Performance**

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Microlearning is quickly emerging as a key way to increase workforce engagement, boost knowledge growth and ultimately change behavior. Proven to drive results, leading organizations are leveraging microlearning as a critical component of their operational excellence strategy—whether it’s to reduce safety incidents, deeply ingrain corporate values, or simply bring consistency from team to team and facility to facility. The best part? Organizations can incorporate microlearning without any interruption to production, and in a way that effortlessly supports a diverse workforce.

Join this webinar to learn:

- What microlearning is (and isn’t)
- 5 ways microlearning is boosting frontline performance
- Stories of real organizations that are using microlearning to drive significant business impact

## **Speaker**

 **Carol Leaman, CEO, Axonify Inc.**

Carol Leaman is the CEO of Axonify Inc., a disruptor in the corporate learning space and innovator behind the Axonify Microlearning Platform—proven to increase employee knowledge and performance necessary for achieving targeted business results. Prior to Axonify, Carol was the CEO of PostRank Inc., a social engagement analytics company that she sold to Google in June 2011. Previously, Carol held CEO positions at several other technology firms, including RSS Solutions and Fakespace Systems. Carol is a frequent speaker, a regular contributor to Fortune magazine and a well-respected thought leader, whose articles appear in various learning, business and technology publications. She also sits on the boards of many organizations, both charitable and for-profit, and advises a variety of high-tech firms in Canada’s technology triangle. Carol has won multiple awards, including the Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame Intrepid Award (2011) and the Sarah Kirke Award (2010) for Canada’s leading female entrepreneur and she is a finalist for the Techvibes Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2017).



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