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Jennifer McNelly serves as the President of [The Manufacturing Institute](#) the non-profit affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). The Manufacturing Institute is the authority on the attraction, qualification, and development of world-class manufacturing talent. As President of the Institute, Jennifer is driving an agenda to research and support manufacturing excellence, innovation and talent, and delivers solutions to make manufacturers in America globally competitive.



Jennifer has extensive experience in workforce development, employer engagement, and business. She is a proven leader at the Institute as the chief architect of the [NAM-Endorsed Manufacturing Skills Certification System](#).

Prior to joining the Institute, Jennifer was a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) for the U.S. Department of Labor. Her strong private-sector experience includes serving as the Senior Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, LLC.

In 2012, Jennifer was named one of the inaugural [100 Women Leaders in STEM](#) (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Jennifer is a member of the World Economic Forum's [Global Agenda Council on Advanced Manufacturing](#); the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) [Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee](#); the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA) Education Foundation; and the SME Education Foundation Board.