Tom Borkes

Tom has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with over 35 years of technical, managerial and teaching experience in electronic product design, assembly and test.

In 1994, he established The Jefferson Project, dedicated to developing and maintaining a world-class work force for the domestic electronics industry. The concept is based on principles Tom developed called “Concurrent Education.” He assists clients in reducing labor costs through automation by using their manufacturing facility as the classroom.

Tom is in currently in the process of launching the Jefferson Institute of Technology, a college wrapped around a contract manufacturing business: The Jefferson Electronic Manufacturing Center. The 4-year undergraduate program will lead to a B.S. in Applied Manufacturing Sciences.

His presentation today is entitled:
“On-Shoring: Competing in High Labor Rate Environments – The Critical Success Factors”