

Meet the Speakers.



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Emily DeRocco oversees the education and research arm of the NAM, and the design and operations of the new national center dedicated to fostering a new generation of manufacturing workers for the 21st century.

Nominated by President Bush, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Assistant Secretary of Labor in 2001, DeRocco was responsible for managing a \$10 billion investment in the nation's workforce in her previous position. She created and implemented regional economic development initiatives in 39 regions across the nation during her tenure, using talent development strategies to drive competitive advantage for America's businesses. Her responsibilities included implementation of Trade Adjustment Assistance for displaced workers, alternative educational pathways for the nation's youth, the permanent and temporary foreign labor certification programs for employment-based immigration, the national apprenticeship program, and workforce development programs nationwide. She created and led Presidential initiatives to align education, economic development, and workforce development investments and to increase the capacity of the nation's community college system.

During her tenure with the Labor Department, DeRocco chaired or vice-chaired numerous boards and commissions, including the Education and Workforce Committee of the Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, the Education and Workforce Committee of the Department of Commerce's Interagency Working Group on Manufacturing, and the President's Committee on Economic Adjustment for the Defense Department's Base Realignment and Adjustment Commission. She also was active on the National Advisory Board of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

DeRocco has represented the United States and led delegations in international forums including the G-8 Labor Ministerials, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Western Hemisphere Competitiveness Forum, U.S.-Canada Policy Forums, and U.S.-EU Dialogues.

DeRocco also brings over 10 years of private sector experience in managing a national non-profit organization and prior federal government experience at the Departments of Energy and Interior, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

DeRocco is a proud graduate of The Pennsylvania State University and received her Jurist Doctorate from the Georgetown Law Center.