



**SDIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING**
Friday, October 14, 2022 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

[Employer Panel Moderator and Panelist Bios](#)

Moderator:

- [Amanda Cheyney](#), CMTC Client Advisor
California Manufacturing Technology Consulting® (CMTC)

Bio: Amanda Cheyney (*pronounced Chee-knee*) is a Client Advisor with CMTC CA Manufacturer Resource Network. She advises small business manufacturing throughout CA to increase productivity, profitability & competitiveness. Previously, she oversaw Dept. of Labor funded workforce programs focused on youth and young adults with barriers to employment. She is a proud product of our local Community College systems having started her educational pathway as an EOPS student at San Diego City College, Small Business Certification Program.

Panelist:

1. [Robin Brown-Whiston](#), Talent Acquisition Business Partner
IDEX Corporation – Northbrook, IL

Bio: Robin Brown-Whiston joined IDEX Corporation in March 2020. She began her career at IDEX as the Sr. Human Resource Generalist overseeing IDEX's Health & Science Wallingford and North Haven sites. Received a promotion to Human Resource Manager in January 2021 where she gained HR and Talent Acquisition responsibilities for the IDEX's Shared Services segment of IDEX Corporation. In October 2021, Robin was promoted to Talent Acquisition Business Partner for the IDEX's Health and Science Technology (HST) Segment of IDEX Corporation. Before joining IDEX Health & Science, Robin worked at Jensen's Inc. in Southington, CT, where she was the Human Resource Manager. Before Jensen's Inc., Robin was with the Human Resources Administrator at Annie E. Casey Foundation/Casey Family Services in New Haven, CT. Robin received a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Business Administration and Computer Science from Southern CT State University in New Haven, CT. Robin earned a Benefits Plan Certification (CEBS) from the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plans organization. Robin's in-depth HR experience comes from working within the Manufacturing, Textile, Distribution, Non-Profit and Property Management industries.

2. [Rick Urban](#), COO/CFO
Quality Controlled Manufacturing, Inc. (QCMI)

Bio: Rick Urban is a Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer with Quality Controlled Manufacturing, Inc. Rick is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the Santee, California-based complex machining manufacturer and FAA Repair and Overhaul Station. He is in charge of the development of the company's growth strategies, maintaining UTC Supplier Gold Status, and implementation of Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing throughout the



organization. Since his employment, QCMI has received the BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics in 2012 and 2019, and was the recipient of the International BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics in 2020. Rick was named the CFO of the Year by the San Diego Business Journal in 2013 for Small size businesses.

Rick has substantive executive experience as the COO/CFO of Budget Car Sales where he was responsible for all aspects of the business. During his tenure, the company received the BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics locally twice and internationally once. Prior to joining QCMI, Rick held a variety of Executive level positions in industries ranging from Engineering, International Car Rental, and Franchise Development to Manufacturing.

Rick was born in Milwaukee and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from UW of Madison in Accounting, Risk Management and Insurance. He is a former Chairman and current Board Member of the San Diego East County Economic Development Council, and serves the community through various organizations such as Segs4Vets, Wounded Warrior Project, Huntington Disease Society of America, and the YMCA among others.

3. [Dan Bauer](#), Manager, Metrology & Test Systems
Solar Turbines, Incorporated

Bio: Dan Bauer is the manager of the Metrology and Test Systems department at Solar Turbines, Inc. His group provides world class calibrated instrumentation, test equipment and software to validate the performance of Solar's turbine engines, gas compressors, packages and components based on Solar Engineering Specifications, Industry Standards, and customer requirements. He has over 25 years of experience in the fields of test and measurement and manufacturing operations.

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