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The buzz: Manufacturing. Manufacturers are pushing automated processes into overdrive to survive in the global marketplace. As this evolution spawns new jobs demanding specialized skills best performed by robots, will the factory workforce need humans? The experts speak. Mike Yost, MESA International: "Governmental initiatives, like Germany's 'Industry 4.0' and US National Network for Manufacturing Innovation, are shining a light on the importance of advanced technologies in manufacturing, but we're still a long way away from putting the pieces together correctly." Kimberly Knickle, IDC: "I w

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Mike Yost

Mike Yost is President of MESA International, a global, not-for-profit industry association. He brings over 25 years of industrial, commercial, and management experience to this role. Mike has held various leadership roles in automation and industrial software businesses, including Manufacturing Solutions Leader for GE-Intelligent Platforms' Production Management Software business, and commercial positions with Activplant Corporation and Rockwell Automation. He has specialized in the Manufacturing Execution (MES), Manufacturing Intelligence (EMI) and Operations Management software arenas since 1999. For the past two years, Mike has led MESA International to improve its ability to help manuf

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Kimberly Knickle

Kimberly Knickle is research vice president in IDC's manufacturing group, and she is responsible for research and analysis of business and IT issues for manufacturers. She joined IDC in 2006 and leads the IT Priorities & Strategies program, which focuses on hot topics and technologies that are changing the way manufacturers buy and use IT, such as digital transformation, big data and analytics, cloud, IoT, mobility, and 3D printing. Before joining the analyst industry, Kim held various roles in IT services, engineering, and product safety testing, beginning her career as an engineer at Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. Kim has a MBA from Boston University's School of Management, focusing on

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Jeff Jackson

Jeff Jackson, a Director at Deloitte Consulting LLP, leads Deloitte's Technology practice at the Cleveland office. He has more than 22 years of industry and consulting experience in IT Enabled Transformation and Supply Chain management, supporting global clients in Manufacturing, High Tech, Retail and Financial Services. His recent focus is on the development and deployment of the SAP Service Parts Management solution including Service Parts Planning and Extended Warehouse Management applications. Jeff led the development of the overall implementation strategy, deployment plan, definition and development of the global common processes, and initial implementations for the global deployment of

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Chuck Pharris

Chuck Pharris, Director, Manufacturing Solutions Marketing at SAP, has over 15 years of experience in manufacturing industries, driving sales and marketing at a large controls systems company, overseeing corporate-wide refinery automation and supply chain management at large integrated national petroleum company, and conducting research for the US Department of Energy. He has worked in all areas of petroleum supply chain including risk management and trading analysis, crude supply, product distribution, logistics, and refinery processing and automation. Chuck communicates manufacturing and economics news on twitter @chuckpharris.

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