

FUTURE48 WORKFORCE ACCELERATORS

Arizona is a **national model** for innovative and successful workforce development programs. Our collaborative approach brings together government, academia and industry to develop comprehensive, award-winning, and scalable solutions.

The **Future48 Workforce Accelerators** represent Arizona's latest workforce advancement, connecting students with the skills and know-how needed for jobs in the state's growing advanced manufacturing industry.

What are the Future48 Workforce Accelerators?

The Future48 Workforce Accelerators represent partnerships between the Arizona Commerce Authority, community colleges, and industry to offer **customized training for in-demand jobs**. The program is modeled after the successful Drive48 facility.

A collaboration between the ACA, Central Arizona College, Pinal County, the City of Casa Grande, and Lucid, Drive48 features multiple assembly robots and individual training rooms to prepare workers for jobs in automotive manufacturing. Since 2021, more than 2,000 students have graduated from Drive48 with new, advanced skills.

In 2022, the State of Arizona committed \$30 million to scale Drive48's success to up to six new advanced manufacturing training centers, known as Future48 Workforce Accelerators, serving sectors such as **semiconductors, battery manufacturing, aerospace and defense, and more**.

“Cutting-edge companies are investing in Arizona and our workforce. The Future48 Workforce Accelerators in Yuma and Kingman will provide new opportunities to reach all of our workforce and diverse communities.”
- Governor Katie Hobbs

June 2023 - New Facilities Announced for Yuma, Kingman

On June 29th, 2023, Governor Hobbs announced the first two Future48 Workforce Accelerators to be established in **Yuma** and **Kingman** to support each region's growing manufacturing industries.



Arizona Western College in Yuma

- The Yuma accelerator will offer workforce training in **electrical technology, advanced manufacturing, broadband fiber optics**, and **solar installation** in support of the region's aerospace and defense industries.
- The partnership will include a 5,600-square-foot expansion of the Wellton Manufacturing Training Center on the Arizona Western College campus.
- Industry partners include TRAX International, the United States Army Yuma Proving Ground, the General Motor Proving Grounds, the Gowan Company, Allo Fiber, D&H Electric, Sunray Electric, Yuma Electric and more.
- The project is expected to be completed in 2024.

Mohave Community College in Kingman

- The Kingman accelerator will support Mohave County's growing **manufacturing, transportation, and mining industries**.
- The Future48 Workforce Accelerator will take the form of a more than 30,000 square-foot facility at Kingman Airport and Industrial Park.
- Industry partners include NUCOR Steel, Kingman And Mohave Manufacturing Association, Progressive Pipe, Arizona Sommers Cooling and Heating and more.
- The project is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Advancing Arizona's Workforce Excellence

With a fast growing population and excellent higher education institutions, Arizona is consistently recognized as a leading state for workforce development.

According to [Lightcast](#), Maricopa County ranks no. 1 for Talent Attraction and Retention, while the state holds the 4th-highest growth in education attainment and the 5th-highest growth in skilled jobs.

On average, roughly 260 people move to Arizona every day, according to recent Census data. Between July 2020 and July 2021, Maricopa County experienced the largest numeric population growth (58,246) in the nation. The Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler metro also experienced the fastest net migration (70,097) and domestic migration (66,850) growth in the country.



An automotive assembly robot used to train technicians at Drive48 in Coolidge.