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#### National Association of Manufacturers

#### Get Tech

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) has been partners for more than two years with the U.S. Department of Commerce, and more recently with the U.S. Department of Labor to manage a program called Get Tech. Get Tech is a public-private partnership career awareness program targeted at middle grades students, teachers and parents. Get Tech seeks to get students more aware of exciting careers in technology, science and manufacturing...and the need for science and mathematics to qualify for these jobs of the future.

## Getsmarter.org

We have also recently acquired the Web site <a href="www.Getsmarter.org">www.Getsmarter.org</a>, a project developed by the Council on Competitiveness to test students' skills in mathematics and science, and to compare their skills with those of students around the world, based on the TIMSS tests. This site also provides students and teachers with excellent resources and links to studying assistance.

### New initiatives

Additionally, the NAM is seeking ways to work with our members to get them more involved in local schools to improve mathematics, science, and academic achievement. We have had initial discussions with OSTP and the NSF Directorate of Education and Human Resources. We would like to develop public-private responses to helping our future workforce to understand more about their futures, so they will take rigorous courses that will qualify them for competing jobs in the global economy.