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***Technical Programs
Here to Stay or
Too Expensive to Maintain?***

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Focal Points for Today's Discussion

1. What is the importance of technology education programs to our institutions?
2. What are the challenges and solutions?
3. Who are the stakeholders – and what do they bring to the table?

1. Why are technology programs important?

- Community colleges are considered as an important force for economic development through preparation of the workforce
- Our nation's competitiveness
- ...

2. What are the challenges and solutions?

- Cost
- Enrollment
- Faculty
- Equipment
- Decisions to sunset a program
- Recruiting prepared students
- ...

3. Who are the stakeholders?

- Business and industry
- Federal and local governments
- Students
- New partners and new models of partnerships
- ...

Questions, Comments and Call for Action