The National Network of Business and Industry Associations (the National Network) launched in late 2013 with the mission to improve economic opportunity and quality of life for Americans by better connecting the working world and the learning world. The National Network is pioneering this new movement to eliminate the divide between “school” and “work” and extend clear pathways to and from learning opportunities and good jobs.

The National Network includes leaders in manufacturing, retail, professional and business real estate, health care, energy, construction, hospitality, transportation and information technology sectors, which represent the source of nearly 75 percent of projected job growth by 2020 (an estimated 30 million new jobs). These leaders are united in their commitment to help individuals understand and gain the skills they need to enter into and advance in the jobs of today and tomorrow. This unprecedented collaboration of typically competitive industries signals a commitment to support a better prepared and more fulfilled workforce.

The National Network is led by Business Roundtable, with support from ACT Foundation, The Joyce Foundation, Lumina Foundation and Walmart Foundation. Its three-point plan to connect learning to successful careers and lives includes:

1. Identifying competencies and promoting credentials that lead to work;
2. Creating more work-and-learn opportunities across the economy; and
3. Encouraging more employers to use competency-based hiring practices.

Inaugural Members:
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- Aerospace Industries Association
- American Health Information Management Association Foundation
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- American Land Title Association
- American Moving & Storage Association
- APICS
- American Public Transportation Association
- American Welding Society
- Center for Energy Workforce Development
- CompTIA
- Food Marketing Institute
- Home Builders Institute
- Interstate Renewable Energy Council
- The Manufacturing Skill Standards Council
- National Apartment Association Education Institute
- National Center for Construction Education and Research
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- National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
- National Retail Federation Foundation
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