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What will it take to close the skills gap and lead the STEM workforce revolution? Science, technology, engineering, and math are at the heart of the 21st century jobs-driven economy, challenging education institutions and companies to train and source an increasingly technical workforce. New models of partnership drive scalable solutions that engage underrepresented communities and equip students with the skills and competencies that companies demand. Aligning corporate, education, and community partners requires that we rethink and redesign the system that supports STEM education and workforce preparedness. What's at stake? Nothing less than the sustainability of our schools, the innovative engines of our businesses, the prosperity of communities, and the global competitiveness of our economies.