

New Hampshire Governor Kelly Ayotte Visits EPTAC to Highlight Manufacturing Workforce Development

Governor Ayotte toured EPTAC's new 14,000-square-foot Salem training facility and discussed employer-driven manufacturing workforce training.

SALEM, NH, UNITED STATES, September 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- EPTAC, a global leader in [electronics manufacturing training](#) and The Global Electronics Association's [IPC certification](#), welcomed New Hampshire Governor Kelly Ayotte to its Salem headquarters for a facility tour and discussion on strengthening the state's manufacturing workforce through employer-driven training.



Pictured: New Hampshire Governor Kelly Ayotte with EPTAC President and CEO Burak Gokmen at EPTAC's Salem, N.H. headquarters on Aug. 31, 2026. Photo courtesy of EPTAC.

Governor Ayotte was greeted by EPTAC President and CEO Burak Gokmen and Operations Director Brenda Clunie, along with other members of the company's management team.

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The Governor toured EPTAC's state-of-the-art 14,000-square-foot training facility, which opened in April, and saw firsthand how specialized, hands-on instruction prepares people for technical roles in manufacturing. EPTAC delivers that instruction from 24 locations across North America and online, in areas including soldering and assembly, inspection, cable and wire harness assembly, rework and repair, and PCB design.

"Manufacturers need people who can step into highly technical environments with the right skills, and that requires training that stays closely connected to those

needs," said Burak Gokmen, president and CEO of EPTAC. "We were glad to host Governor Ayotte and show her that process firsthand. New Hampshire has a strong manufacturing community, and there is a real opportunity for training providers, employers, community colleges and state workforce programs to work more closely together."

There are 28 people for every 100 electronics jobs in New Hampshire, and more companies move across the border into the state every year. SynQor and Analogic both did so recently. That growth makes the need for trained talent more pressing, and it is not only a New Hampshire challenge but a nationwide one. EPTAC is uniquely positioned to help. "EPTAC can help bridge the gap between potential candidates and production-ready employees through focused instruction tied to established standards and real-world processes," Gokmen continued. With this approach, the talent pool can be enlarged, increasing New Hampshire's attractiveness to employers.

"With New Hampshire continuing to grow as a hub for advanced manufacturing, it's critical our workforce has the skills and training needed to meet the needs of our businesses. I was glad to visit EPTAC today to learn more about their programs and discuss opportunities to put more Granite Staters on the pathway to good-paying careers. Partnerships like this will help keep New Hampshire a beacon of economic opportunity and a leader in the workforce of tomorrow," said Governor Kelly Ayotte.

About EPTAC

EPTAC provides [solder training](#), electronics manufacturing education, and IPC certification programs designed to help companies improve product quality, increase productivity, and strengthen workforce capabilities. For more than 35 years, EPTAC has supported the electronics manufacturing industry through expert instruction, practical training programs, and flexible learning formats delivered at 24 training centers across North America and online.

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