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Emily DeRocco is the Founder and CEO of a Washington, D.C.-based consulting practice, Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow, which is focused on linking education, workforce and economic development assets for competitive advantage. DeRocco is the immediate past president of The Manufacturing Institute where she launched and implemented a strategic national agenda on education reform and workforce development, innovation support and services, and research on behalf of U.S. manufacturers. Prior to her leadership in U.S. manufacturing, DeRocco was nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Assistant Secretary of Labor in 2001.

DeRocco has represented the United States and led delegations in international forums including the G-8 Labor Ministerials, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Western Hemisphere Competitiveness Forum, U.S.-Canada Policy Forums, and U.S.-EU Dialogues. DeRocco also brings over 10 years of private sector experience in managing a national non-profit organization and prior federal government experience at the Departments of Energy and Interior, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

DeRocco is a proud graduate of The Pennsylvania State University and received her Juris Doctorate from the Georgetown Law Center. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Western Governors University and the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology as well as the Board of Advisors to the University of Mississippi’s Center for Manufacturing Excellence. She is a non-resident fellow of the Brookings Institution and on the Board of Directors of Hope Street Group.