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GOOD THINGS AHEAD

Books, technology, business, and the skills shaping tomorrow

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The Achievers Spotlight opens	Andrea Shipley, a healer of lives, honored in the first Spotlight
The full course catalogue, inside	All nine SkillStream courses with the jobs and the numbers, in their own section
The battery story goes to work	Record storage, record solar, and the factories and fields hiring for both
The bookshelf opens a new shelf	The leadership books begin with Cybersecurity and Leadership

A journey of hope, leadership, and legacy, still being written in public.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the second edition



Welcome to the second edition of Good Things Ahead.

When the first edition reached readers in October, it made a few promises, and this edition exists to keep them. Inside you will find a new shelf on the bookshelf, a technology page that follows the battery story from the page into the factories hiring for it, and a training page that reports how far the SkillStream platform has come in one short month.

This edition also carries the whole SkillStream course catalogue in its own section, so the courses, the jobs they target, and the numbers behind them are all in your hands.

One promise needs your help. The Achievers Spotlight was created for readers who are building something worth honoring, and its door is open in this edition. If you know a builder, a graduate, a founder, or a quiet achiever whose story would lift someone else, you will find simple instructions inside on how to put their name forward.

Thank you for reading, and for building alongside us.

James Onsomu

Founder, Gquest Global Medic LLC

IN THIS EDITION

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Business and Opportunity	Three kinds of work in every record installation, and the demand in numbers
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Achievers Spotlight	Andrea Shipley, helping others come alive, on purpose
Looking Ahead	December on the shelf and on the screen, and the first admitted learners

THE BOOKSHELF

Opening the leadership shelf

This month the bookshelf opens a new shelf, the leadership books, and the first book on it is Cybersecurity and Leadership.

The book begins from a simple conviction: security is no longer a technical corner of a company, it is a leadership duty. Boards and owners who treat protection as someone else job discover its cost in the worst week of their year. Leaders who treat it as part of how they lead build teams that notice trouble early, speak up without fear, and recover with their reputation intact.

Inside, readers will find plain language on risk, on building a culture where vigilance is normal, and on the decisions a leader must own personally rather than delegate away. It was written for executives, for small business owners, and for the rising leader who wants to understand the digital ground their organization stands on.

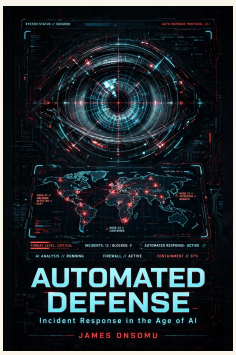
Cybersecurity and Leadership is available as an ebook in the store at gquestglobal.com, and its chapters are also being read aloud, chapter by chapter, on the GQuestGlobal YouTube channel.



Mastering Cybersecurity Training Platforms
Building the rooms where defenders are made



AI and Cybersecurity GRC
Governance for the age of intelligent tools



Automated Defense
Incident response at machine speed, led by people

TECHNOLOGY NOW

The battery story goes to work

In the first edition, this page told the battery story. This month we follow it into the factories and fields where the hiring is happening.

The scale is no longer a forecast. The United States installed a record 18.9 gigawatts of energy storage in 2025, a rise of 52 percent over the year before, according to the U.S. Energy Storage Monitor from the American Clean Power Association and Wood Mackenzie. Behind those installations stand factories: the Department of Energy has put over 3 billion dollars into 25 battery manufacturing projects across 14 states, expected to support more than 4,000 operating jobs once they are running.

Texas sits near the center of this story. Together, Texas and California accounted for 82 percent of utility scale storage deployment in the third quarter of 2025. Every one of those systems needs people who can assemble cells safely, commission installations correctly, and keep storage running for years. That need is exactly why training for battery work now matters as much as the batteries themselves.

BUSINESS AND OPPORTUNITY

Where the work is multiplying

Every record installation creates three kinds of work. There is the work of making, in the plants that build cells, modules, and packs. There is the work of installing, on the rooftops, farms, and grid sites where systems are assembled and connected. And there is the long work of keeping, the commissioning, monitoring, and maintenance that continues for the life of every system.

For the small business owner, the opportunity is rarely in building the largest factory. It is in the services around the factories: trained crews, quality support, safety training, and reliable maintenance offered to companies that are growing faster than they can hire. For the individual, the opportunity is simpler and just as real: become the trained person those companies cannot find enough of.

The demand behind this opportunity is not a forecast anymore. Dallas Fort Worth is now the third largest data center market in North America, with more than 1,400 megawatts running and over 765 megawatts under construction, almost all of it spoken for before the doors open. Samsung's first Taylor fab comes online at the end of this year, a second and larger one breaks ground in November, and the semiconductor industry's own study counts about 26,000 technician jobs nationwide at risk of going unfilled by 2030. On the Texas grid, batteries and solar led everything new in 2025, with more than 5,200 megawatts of storage and 4,500 megawatts of solar added in a single year. Every figure in that paragraph is a hiring line waiting for a trained person to stand in it.

Readers who want to explore training built for this work are invited to visit the SkillStream training platform at https://training.gquestglobal.com and to write to info@gquestglobal.com with questions about learning paths for themselves or their teams.

INSIDE THE TRAINING PLATFORM

Nine courses, and the doors now opening

One month after its first full catalog took shape, the SkillStream training platform now carries nine complete courses, from PCB Assembly and Solar Module Manufacturing to Battery Energy Storage Systems, Data Center Critical Facilities, and Semiconductor Manufacturing and Related Technologies. Each course is built in modules with a lesson and a short check in every module, written for the people who do the work on real production floors.

This month the platform gained its own catalog: the SkillStream Course Catalogue 2026, a 26 page companion volume that presents every course, the work it prepares a graduate for, and the market waiting on the other side of the training. Its motto says the whole mission in one line: linking every graduate to a ready job market. The complete catalogue follows in the next section of this edition.

AI at Work remains free with open enrollment as the front door of the platform. The technical courses now run by admission request, so each learner is placed on the right path, and approved applicants are offered a Founding Pass covering the technical catalog for twelve months. Companies, recruiting agencies, and workforce partners are welcome to write to info@gquestglobal.com.

The partnership conversation

This month the platform also stepped into the region's training partnership conversation. Texas funds employer training through the Skills Development Fund, and the Texas Workforce Commission confirmed to us in writing this month that the applicant, whether an employer, a college, or a workforce board, chooses its own training provider. That one fact shapes our path: our work now is to be known, and ready, when those projects are built.

The colleges are the front door of that system, and their doors are open. Tarrant County College, our home county college, runs employer training through Corporate Solutions and works with more than 1,200 employers across North Texas. Dallas College trains employers through its Ascend Global Training Institute, and Collin College and Texas State Technical College in Red Oak run the same pattern on their ground. The state money is moving at real scale: Dallas College received more than 3.8 million dollars in Skills Development Fund grants to train nearly 2,000 workers, Collin College received 1.35 million dollars for 834 workers at 13 businesses, and Tarrant County College took in fresh awards this October to train 164 workers in Fort Worth area plants. In Red Oak, Compass Datacenters built a data center training pathway with Texas State Technical College and then donated a 12.6 million dollar building to grow it, and 21 of its first 22 graduates went straight into data center jobs. That is the company we intend to keep: training that ends at a job, built with the institutions already trusted to deliver it.

A SKILLSTREAM COMPANION, INSIDE THIS EDITION

THE CATALOGUE

SkillStream Course Catalogue 2026

Linking every graduate to a ready job market.

Nine courses, presented the way the catalogue presents them: what each course teaches, who it serves, the jobs it targets, and the market numbers behind it, drawn from the public sources named in the full catalogue.

Every technical course is taught module by module, with a check in each module that must be passed at 80 percent. AI at Work is free and open today. Admission to the technical courses is by request at training.gquestglobal.com/admissions.

THE CATALOGUE

Nine courses, with the jobs and the numbers



COURSE ONE · 25 TOPICS

PCB Assembly Training

This is the founding course of the platform, and it runs the full craft of building circuit boards. Learners begin with assembly foundations, components, soldering, and the disciplines of an electronics workbench, then rise through surface mount placement, stencil printing, and reflow and wave soldering profiles.

Who it serves: Assemblers and operators who want to become technicians, production staff moving toward quality roles, and newcomers who want to enter electronics manufacturing with the craft already in hand.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Electronics assembler, SMT operator, PCB technician, Electronics production technician, Quality inspector in electronics manufacturing.

246,300, United States jobs held by electrical, electronic, and electromechanical assemblers in 2025
$45,850, median yearly pay for those assemblers, May 2025



COURSE TWO · 21 MODULES

Solar Module Manufacturing

The whole module line, end to end. Learners follow a solar module from incoming cells through stringing, layup, lamination, framing, junction box fitting, testing, and final inspection, learning what each station does, what can go wrong there, and how quality is protected at every step.

Who it serves: New production hires at module plants, operators who want to understand the full line rather than one station, and technicians preparing to move across solar factories.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Solar module production technician, Stringer operator, Lamination operator, Cell and module assembly operator, Production quality technician.

32,491, United States jobs in solar manufacturing counted in 2024
65.5 gigawatts, of United States solar module production capacity by the end of 2025



COURSE THREE · 21 MODULES

Solar Battery Manufacturing and Assembly

How battery packs and modules are built, handled, and tested safely. The course covers cell formats and handling, pack and module assembly, formation and aging, testing, and the safety disciplines that lithium based production demands at every station.

Who it serves: Operators and assemblers entering battery plants, solar and electronics staff crossing into storage manufacturing, and quality minded technicians who want the safety grounding this industry insists on.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Battery cell production operator, Battery pack assembly technician, Formation and aging operator, Battery quality technician.

$3 billion, in federal battery manufacturing awards announced in September 2024, across 25 projects in 14 states
Over 4,000, operating jobs those funded projects are projected to support



COURSE FOUR · 20 MODULES

Solar Panel Installation

Doing installation work right, and doing it safely. The course follows a job from site assessment through mounting, wiring, and commissioning, with the safety practices, codes awareness, and inspection readiness that separate a professional crew from a careless one.

Who it serves: New installers, construction and electrical workers adding solar to their trade, and career changers who want outdoor, physical work in the fastest growing trade in this catalogue.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Solar photovoltaic installer, PV installation technician, Lead installer, Site assessor trainee, Solar operations and maintenance technician.

37 percent, projected growth for solar photovoltaic installers from 2025 to 2035, among the fastest of any United States occupation
31,100, United States jobs held by solar photovoltaic installers in 2025



COURSE FIVE · 21 MODULES

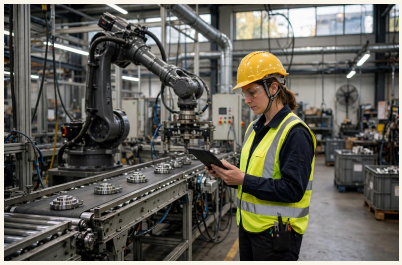
Battery Energy Storage Systems

The full life of a storage system after the factory: how battery energy storage is installed, commissioned, operated, monitored, and kept safe across its working life. Learners cover system components, commissioning tests, operating strategies, augmentation, and the safety culture that high energy systems demand.

Who it serves: Electricians and field technicians moving into storage, solar professionals adding the second half of the modern energy job, and operations staff at storage sites.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Energy storage technician, BESS commissioning technician, Storage operations and maintenance technician, Field service technician for storage systems.

18.9 gigawatts, of battery storage installed in the United States in 2025, a record, alongside 51 gigawatt hours of energy capacity
52 percent, growth in United States storage installation over 2024



COURSE SIX · 21 MODULES

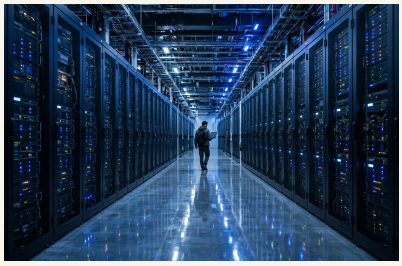
Industrial Maintenance and Mechatronics

The technicians who keep production equipment running. The course spans mechanical, electrical, and controls fundamentals, preventive and predictive maintenance, troubleshooting method, and the mechatronics blend of skills that modern automated lines demand.

Who it serves: Maintenance helpers and mechanics who want the full trade, production operators aiming at the maintenance crew, and veterans of any mechanical work who want factory grade depth of skill.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Industrial maintenance technician, Industrial machinery mechanic, Mechatronics technician, Maintenance electrician trainee, Millwright apprentice.

547,300, United States jobs in industrial machinery mechanics, machinery maintenance, and millwright work in 2025
$64,100, median yearly pay across that occupation group, May 2025



COURSE SEVEN · 19 MODULES

Data Center Critical Facilities Technician

The systems a data center cannot afford to lose. Learners study electrical distribution, cooling, fire protection, monitoring, and emergency response inside critical facilities, and how commissioning proves a new hall before it ever carries a live load.

Who it serves: Facilities and building engineers, electricians and HVAC technicians moving into critical environments, and operations minded newcomers aiming at the data center boom.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Data center technician, Critical facilities technician, Data center operations technician, Commissioning technician, Facilities engineer trainee.

Over 1 million, people directly employed by the United States data center industry in 2024

5.5 million, jobs supported in total by the industry, up 17 percent in a single year



COURSE EIGHT · 21 MODULES

Semiconductor Manufacturing and Related Technologies

The wafer journey, from cleanroom discipline and safety through lithography, etch, deposition, and diffusion, and on to packaging and test. The course is built as preparation toward the standards the chip industry hires against, including the equipment maintenance pathway the industry is formalizing now.

Who it serves: New fab hires, manufacturing technicians crossing from other clean industries, and Texans who want to be ready as the new fabs near them begin hiring in waves.

JOBS YOU CAN TARGET: Semiconductor processing technician, Fab operator, Wafer fab technician, Equipment maintenance technician, Cleanroom technician.

About 31,500, United States jobs held by semiconductor processing technicians

$51,430, median yearly pay for semiconductor processing technicians, May 2025



COURSE NINE · 5 MODULES

AI at Work

Five modules on working wisely with artificial intelligence: choosing the right tools for a job, using them well in real workflows, checking what they produce, and governing them safely inside company rules. It is the front door of SkillStream, free and open to everyone, and a fair sample of how every course on the platform teaches.

Who it serves: Professionals and frontline staff in any industry: administrators, supervisors, technicians, sales and service staff, and small business operators who want AI skill they can use this week.

WHERE IT APPLIES: Administrative and office professionals, Supervisors and team leads, Technicians using AI assisted diagnostics, Sales and service staff, Small business operators.

86 percent, of employers expect AI and information processing to transform their business by 2030

39 percent, of the core skills workers use today will change by 2030

The full 26 page catalogue, with complete market briefs and sources for every course, is available on request at info@gquestglobal.com.

ACHIEVERS SPOTLIGHT

The first Spotlight shines on one builder

The Achievers Spotlight opens in this edition with one feature, drawn from the community growing around this magazine and its work. Andrea Shipley took what life handed her and built something that lifts other people, one restored life at a time. The Spotlight grows from here, through the nominations our readers send in, and the invitation below is how it grows.



Andrea Shipley, helping others come alive, on purpose

Andrea Shipley of the Richmond, Virginia area has spent her career in rooms where people were putting their lives back together. As a licensed professional counselor she has given more than 3,000 counseling sessions to more than 600 people in residential treatment, and she has guided people recovering from addiction through wilderness experiences as a field guide.

Today she owns Alive Explorations, where she works as a lifestyle design coach with accomplished professionals who want lives that feel as honest as they look, and she continues her counseling practice through Soul Explorations. Her writing and art have appeared in the Journal of Holistic Psychology, and she is growing her practice toward a collaborative wellness center. Her achievement is measured one restored life at a time, which may be the truest measure there is. Find her at www.aliveexplorations.com.

The Spotlight door stays open. To nominate an achiever for a coming edition, write to info@gquestglobal.com with their name, what they have built or overcome, and one or two lines on why their story would lift a reader. Self nominations are welcome too, told plainly and without decoration.

A LEADERSHIP REFLECTION

Fix it while it is small

Strong teams are not built by accident.

Clear roles keep people safe when the pressure rises. Steady training builds quiet confidence. Honest feedback fixes small issues before they grow. None of this arrives by luck, and none of it survives on talent alone. It is built the slow way, by a leader who shows up the same way on the hard days as on the easy ones.

This month, notice one small issue on your team while it is still small, and fix it with a conversation rather than a complaint. That is leadership at its most practical, and it compounds.

LOOKING AHEAD

November on the channel

The Chapter 2 premieres continue every Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening on YouTube, each one a full chapter read aloud.

Sunday, November 1, 3 PM CT	Lean Six Sigma Explained, Chapter 2
Wednesday, November 4, 7 PM CT	Cybersecurity Fundamentals, Chapter 2
Sunday, November 8, 3 PM CT	Lean Manufacturing in PCB Production, Chapter 2
Wednesday, November 11, 7 PM CT	Investing Basics for Beginners, Chapter 2
Sunday, November 15, 3 PM CT	Ethical Hacking Basics, Chapter 2
Wednesday, November 18, 7 PM CT	Building Wealth Early, Chapter 2
Sunday, November 22, 3 PM CT	Security Automation Basics, Chapter 2
Wednesday, November 25, 7 PM CT	AI in Cybersecurity, Chapter 2
Sunday, November 29, 3 PM CT	Cybersecurity GRC Basics, Chapter 2
Wednesday, December 2, 7 PM CT	PCB Assembly Quality Control, Chapter 2

In December

In December, the bookshelf continues along the leadership shelf, the technology page turns to the data centers that now wait on power as much as on chips, and this magazine hopes to print its first nominated achiever on the Spotlight page. The training platform page will follow the first admitted learners on their path through the technical courses.

Until then, keep building. Good things are ahead.

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