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US Research and Engineering Jobs Are Moving Overseas

The article on the research workforce (PHYSICS TODAY, August 2003, page 26) argues that more American scientists and engineers are needed for the “future of the country’s research and engineering workforce.”

Much of US manufacturing and, increasingly, services such as engineering design, information technology support, technical writing, and call or help centers have moved overseas in pursuit of significantly cheaper labor. Many US companies have sharply reduced or eliminated their R&D departments to cut costs and to improve their quarterly earnings.

So who is going to hire all these additional scientists and engineers for the US workforce?

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Corrections

August 2003, page 62—Bryce DeWitt is also a new fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

January 2004, page 35—For reference 2, the correct Web address for D. Rumsfeld et al., executive summary of the *Report of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States* is <http://fas.org/irp/threat/missile/rumsfeld/>. The National Intelligence Council document *Foreign Missile Developments and the Ballistic Missile Threat Through 2015* is available online at http://www.cia.gov/nic/other_missilethreat2001.html. ■