**Video Message Transcript**
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**Michael Crow, President, Arizona State University**

Hi, I'm Michael Crow here, President, Arizona State University. Sorry I can't be there with you. I'm in Cairo as this meeting is occurring, meeting with the Minister of Education on a series of initiatives we have going on there.

But you know, I couldn't be more excited than I am about the Applied Materials, you know, moving us forward as a country. Finding ways to shrink the valley of death. Finding ways to work intimately with universities in like Arizona State in new manufacturing, systems, conceptualization, design, working with others, creating environments where new startup companies can get going that can fuel advanced semiconductor systems and systems developments.

I mean, we're really very excited about this notion of collaboration, bringing everybody together. Breaking down the barriers, bringing government and industry and academia together into high-speed, high-velocity, high-creativity environments. And so we're excited about Applied Materials and their world leadership, their open heart, their open way of thinking, their drive to perfection, their drive to systems development.

We're running the largest engineering school in the United States right now, 30,000 students. We're advancing here in Arizona and in California. Every kind of partnership that we can think of, but this partnership is particularly and acutely important to us because this is where the devices and the systems by which the actual technology is empowered get done.

We're proud to be Applied Materials first partner. We're one of America's most significant and most innovative universities, and to have this kind of connection at least I just think helps the whole country to be successful in this new drive for semiconductor excellence, national digital security and all the things that it represents. So really excited about Applied Materials in this partnership and look forward to everything that lies ahead. Thanks.