



## ***BUILDING TOMORROW'S IBM Z SYSTEMS EXPERTS ROUND TABLE EVENT***

*Hosted by East Carolina University, IBM Z Systems Academic Initiative,  
and Vicom Infinity, Inc*

Please join ECU's College of Engineering & Technology, IBM, Vicom Infinity, and representatives from industry on May 14, 2019, to discuss the development of the next generation of information technology leaders from ECU.

Educators and businesses must have a close relationship and work together to define the future of Enterprise Systems education so that more students will graduate with relevant knowledge, skills, and experience.

The goal of this meeting is to help ECU and its College of Engineering & Technology (CET) explore future opportunities for growing the enterprise systems workforce. We will solicit your guidance on the knowledge and skills you require to run your IBM Z Systems and assess how well ECU's current program meets those needs. We will explore ways to improve courses, develop curricula, and provide beyond-the-classroom experiences to create better pathways to internships and/or employment with your organizations. Finally, we will have an open discussion on how to improve marketing, student recruiting, and securing resources to build a strong academic program to meet future enterprise systems workforce needs.

As an information technology leader within an organization that leverages IBM Z Enterprise Systems technology, we believe your organization can benefit, long-term, by talking to educators about the use of IBM Z systems in your business, as well as your workforce recruiting challenges. Your involvement will be critical to helping ECU chart its path forward as it considers future investment in an "Enterprise Systems Academic Initiative."

### **Logistics**

**Where:** East Carolina University  
College of Engineering and Technology  
Science and Technology Bldg.  
Suite 100 Conference room  
Greenville, North Carolina 27858-4353

**When:** May 14, 2019

**Time:** 10:30 am to 2:00 pm ET

### **Agenda:**

10:00 am Opening Remarks and Introductions  
10:15 am Overview of ECU, CET's IT academic programs, and current enterprise systems courses  
10:45 am Overview of IBM Z Academic Initiative – IBM & Vicom Infinity  
11:15 am Roundtable Discussion #1: Academic and Curricular Issues  
12:00 pm Working Lunch  
12:00 pm Roundtable Discussion #2: Marketing, Recruiting, and Retaining Students in ES  
12:45 pm Roundtable Discussion #3: Enterprise Systems Academic Initiative (Consortium?)  
1:30 pm Action items and Next Steps  
2:00 pm Adjourn



Please RSVP to [LSantalucia@vicominfinity.com](mailto:LSantalucia@vicominfinity.com) by Wednesday, May 1, 2019.  
Confirmation email will be sent.