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Sophia Watson is a dedicated workforce development leader helping shape Florida's semiconductor talent pipeline at the Florida Semiconductor Institute (FSI). She focuses on building awareness, expanding industry certifications, and fostering collaboration between education and industry to meet the state's growing needs.

Previously, as Director of Adult and Technical Education for Hernando Schools, she helped establish Wilton Simpson Technical College, creating more than 20 programs and securing \$19M in funding.

Known for her collaborative approach and strategic vision, Watson works to strengthen workforce pathways, support economic growth, and prepare communities for future opportunities in advanced technologies.