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Tweet: TSMC is sending at least 500 workers to Arizona from Taiwan to speed up construction of its new chip facility. The American labor force doesn't have many workers with experience constructing semiconductor manufacturing facilities.

Summary: TSMC and its suppliers are in talks with the U.S. government to assist with the application process for non-immigrant visas in a bid to dispatch more than 500 experienced workers as early as July to expedite the construction of cleanroom facilities and the installation of pipelines and other equipment, three chip supply chain executives said. One of the main aims is to "improve work efficiency and help make up for lost time" in the construction processes, they said. The U.S.-bound workers will include contract technicians and workers with hands-on experience in cleanroom setup, pipeline installation, mechanical and electrical systems for chip plants, and other specialized areas. "There are not enough U.S. workers who have good first-hand experience specifically on building semiconductor manufacturing facilities, and many are not familiar with the requirements for chipmaking plants," one executive told Nikkei. "That has caused delays in multiple installation works."

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